

Thalidomide victims will get £5m to offset effect of tax

The Government is to seek parliamentary approval "as soon as possible" for a "once-for-all" capital payment of £5m into the thalidomide children's trust to offset the effect of taxation on compensation paid to parents. No change in the tax law will be made. The Government also plans to give £3m to the Rowntree Memorial Trust to aid severely congenitally handicapped children.

Other children to get £3m

By Our Political Correspondent Dr Gilbert, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, yesterday promised early Government action to offset the effects of taxation on the compensation payments made to the parents of thalidomide children. This will avoid changes in the tax law. The Government estimate to enable £5m to be paid into the thalidomide children's trust fund in a way which should at least offset the effects of taxation. Dr Gilbert said: "In this way we shall ensure that the position of the thalidomide children is not prejudiced and at the same time we shall avoid any possible adverse effects of tax considerations applying to any settlement of any comparable tragic case could arise in the future."

The Government has decided to seek parliamentary approval at the same time for a second £3m to the Rowntree Memorial Trust to provide assistance for severely congenitally handicapped children. This is in addition to the £3m authorized by the previous government. It is obviously intended to give to thalidomide children the same assistance which is given to other severely handicapped children. Dr Gilbert said that although Inland Revenue had always been reluctant to give an assurance that all payments would be free, there had been "general misunderstanding" about the payments made by the Government to beneficiaries would be treated as income for tax purposes.

Dr Kissinger presses Russians on arms cut

Moscow, Oct 25.—Dr Henry Kissinger, the Secretary of State, today detailed American views on curbing the strategic arms race to Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, and the two sides described the session as useful.

Discussion of this important topic, regarded by the United States as central to Soviet-American détente, dominated both rounds of talks between Dr Kissinger and the Soviet leader on their second full day of high-pressure negotiations. An official joint statement, issued while the second meeting was under way during the evening, said that the two sides "thoroughly discussed questions pertaining to further measures to limit strategic armaments. The sides believe the exchange of opinions was useful, and discussion on these matters will be continued."

The statement gave no details of the substance of the talks, which lasted for five hours in all. Dr Kissinger was understood to have put forward some principles which could provide basic guidelines for a new strategic arms limitation agreement to cover the 10 years 1975-85 and replace the 1972 arms treaty.

Apart from the brief statement, there was no indication of Soviet reaction to the Secretary of State's ideas. Kremlin officials were understood to have indicated that they did not regard the arms limitation problem with the same urgency as Dr Kissinger.

Today's two meetings between Dr Kissinger and Mr Brezhnev followed yesterday's seven hours of discussions. Dr Kissinger is known to have come to Moscow hoping to work out guidelines for discussion on a new agreement that could be approved formally at a summit between Mr Brezhnev and President Ford.

The summit is believed to be in the forefront of Soviet thinking at the moment, and a time and place for it—probably the last week of November in the Far East—are expected to be announced before Dr Kissinger leaves for India on Sunday. Most signs in Moscow suggest that the Soviet leadership will not move on to any substantive consideration of arms limitation until they have a chance to assess Mr Ford's commitment to détente at first hand.

This appeared to be confirmed by the composition of the Soviet side at the talks today. Marshal Andrei Grechko, the Defence Minister, was absent and Mr Brezhnev was accompanied only by Mr Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, Mr Anatoly Dobrynin, the Soviet Ambassador in Washington, and a senior Foreign Ministry official.

In Dr Kissinger's group was Mr Helmut Sonnenfeldt, his close adviser on defence matters, and other arms and security experts. Missile launched: The United States has successfully test-fired and launched an intercontinental missile from an aircraft for the first time, the Defence Department said in Washington. Major General Wynant, Siple said a Minuteman missile was dropped from a C-5A jumbo jet over the Pacific test range and the rocket motors fired with upward thrust for a period of 10 seconds.—Renter.



Employers waiting above as the lorry drivers' union leaders talked with conciliation officers on the floor below in Glasgow yesterday. The talks broke down after more than five hours. Report page 2.

Britain puts future of Simonstown naval pact in the balance

By George Clark Political Correspondent Mr Callaghan, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, last night reasserted Labour's opposition to apartheid and racialism and declared that the South African Government had "manipulated" the recent visit by 11 ships of the Royal Navy to Cape Town to make it appear that Britain approved its policies.

Reflecting a decision of the Cabinet taken on Thursday, when there was an inquest into the circumstances in which the ships visited Cape Town with all the appearance of being on a "good-will" trip, Mr Callaghan announced that the future of the Simonstown Agreement would now be reviewed.

In the meantime, calls by Royal Navy ships at South African ports would be "strictly for minimum operational purposes". The South African Government, he said, had seized on the recent visit as lending support to them at a time when they were under particular criticism at the United Nations. Britain had now to consider whether the Simonstown Agreement should be continued and whether its advantage militarily was outweighed by the political damage it did.

Mr Callaghan's speech, made at the annual dinner of his constituency Labour Party in Cardiff, will go some way to placate the Labour backbenchers who were highly critical of the reports that came from South Africa and who have demanded an end to joint naval exercises with South Africa. Nevertheless, it is probable

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PLO wins first round at Rabat

From Edward Mortimer Rabat, Oct 25 The Palestine Liberation Organization won an important first-round victory here today in its diplomatic struggle with King Husain of Jordan.

The Arab League ministerial council, preparing tomorrow's summit, adopted a draft resolution which in effect recognizes the PLO's exclusive right to control the West Bank of Jordan if Israel should withdraw from it.

The draft resolution on Palestine consists of two clauses. The first, to which the Jordan delegation did not object, confirms the right of the Palestinian people to return to their country and determine their own future.

Strong opposition, however, came from the Jordanians over the second clause which said that liberated Palestinian territory would return to the leadership of the PLO. The "confrontation forces" would undertake to support any independent authority set up by the Palestinian people.

Mr Abdul Mohsen Abu Maiser, the PLO spokesman, emphasized at a press conference that the revised Parliament is meeting all the states which had played a major part in the conflict with Israel, such as Saudi Arabia, or had sent forces to fight in the October war.

Mr Wilson loses some papers

The disappearance of taxation documents and other personal papers belonging to Mr Harold Wilson was being treated by Scotland Yard last night as theft.

They disappeared from a desk at the Prime Minister's home in Lord North Street, Westminster. He missed them during the February general election campaign.

As details emerged last night, the mystery deepened. According to the spokesman, the disappearance was reported to the police some time ago, but last night Scotland Yard would not say exactly when it was reported. A reliable police source said it was not until October 7 last.

It would appear that Mr Wilson at first assumed he had mislaid the papers. Now it is believed they may have been missing before the February election.

The documents relate to Mr Wilson's time as Leader of the Opposition.

The discovery of the loss was made by Mr Wilson himself. Clocks go back British Summer Time ends at 3 am tomorrow. Clocks and watches should be put back one hour. BST resumes at 2 am on March 16, 1975.

National Savings stamp to be polished

Margaret Stone National Savings stamp, introduction to saving since is to be phased out over next two years. The decision is to be announced by Mr. Paymaster General.

Robert Bellinger, the man of the National Savings Committee, was told of the on on Thursday. He said it to be a blow to the savings men, which has 150,000 members.

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man earlier yesterday stonington Palace referred "continuing difficulty eating". The baby only 4lb 2oz at birth. a visit lasting nearly us to St Mary's Hos- idon, London, yes- Duke of Gloucester duchess was very well aby was "bearing up".

Police question 50 on bombs in dawn raids

By Clive Borrell Detectives investigating bomb attacks in London and the Home Counties were last night studying notebooks and diaries seized in raids in London, Birmingham, Bristol and Liverpool. More than 50 people were roused before dawn and questioned while their homes were searched. No one was arrested.

Many of the homes searched are occupied by Irishmen and known sympathizers of Irish Republican organizations. Mr Danny Ryan, national organizer in Britain of Clann na nGaedheal, a political wing of the republican movement, was questioned for more than three hours while police searched his home in Brislington, Bristol. Detectives took away pieces of wire, tape, cameras, swabs from the floor and a minutes book.

"I am a maintenance engineer and the pieces of wire and tape are what you would expect to find in a house like mine. They have nothing to do with explosives", Mr Ryan said. In London yesterday the Metropolitan police were making final plans to cope with what is expected to be a massive concentration of demonstrators tomorrow protesting at the presence of troops in Ulster. Several hundred police will be available to move into the Kilburn area for the demonstration.

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Moderates put up opponent to Mr Mikardo

Mr Cledwyn Hughes, former Secretary of State for Wales and Minister of Agriculture, a leading moderate, is to challenge Mr Ian Mikardo, champion of the left wing, for Labour Party chairmanship. To give Mr Hughes a clear run, Mr Arthur Bortomey, Mr Ederian, Willey and Mr William Hamilton have given assurances they will not stand. Mikardo won the post in March. Page 2

British Airways may buy Fokkers

British Airways is looking at the German-Dutch Fokker Friendship aircraft as an alternative to the HS 146, to replace the airline's aging Viscount fleet. Meanwhile Hawker Siddeley has deferred cancellation of the controversial 146 for a month. Union representatives will lobby MPs in an effort to save the project. Page 19

Man grows older An American-French expedition has found fossilized human remains in Ethiopia dating back between three and four million years. The fossils are said to be almost 1,500,000 years older than those discovered on the shores of Lake Rudolf in Kenya nearly two years ago. Page 6

Probation for mother

A third cousin of the Queen who killed her daughter, aged nine months, was put on probation for 12 months yesterday. Mrs Elizabeth Wise pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility. Page 4

Ford election tour

President Ford is failing to arouse much enthusiasm during his campaign tour for the mid-term elections. Yesterday, however, he encouraged the Republicans by attracting crowds of several thousand in Des Moines, Iowa. Page 6

US trade improves

America's trade gap in September narrowed to \$233.3m against \$1,131.8m in August. First National City Bank cut prime rate by 3 per cent to 11 per cent. Other banks followed the trend. Page 19

Gas board to pay £27,000 damages

A Feltham widow was awarded £27,627 agreed damages in the High Court yesterday after the death of her husband from carbon monoxide poisoning from a gas water heater in an unventilated bathroom was found to be due to the negligence of the North Thames Gas Board. Law Report, page 24

Fanfani attempt fails

Senator Fanfani last night gave up his attempts to form a new Italian Government. The senator has recently been described as the Christian Democrats' "last card". A statement issued by the Liberal Party said Italy's present crisis was the most serious since the Second World War. Page 4

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HOME NEWS

Scotland faces food supply disruption as strike talks fail

From John Chartres Glasgow Scotland faces a prolongation of the loony drivers' three-week-old unofficial strike, which could disrupt food supplies and other essential services. Talks called by officers of the Conciliation and Arbitration Service in Glasgow broke down after more than five hours yesterday on the issue of bonus payments for drivers' milages. The dispute involves 8,000 drivers and has led to between 8,000 and 12,000 industrial workers in other industries being laid off. Neither side met yesterday and later each accused the other of adopting intractable positions. Late last night shop stewards were discussing ways of intensifying picketing next week and of obtaining support from workers in England. During yesterday's talks each side met in separate rooms with Mr Tom Smith and Mr Roger Phayre, conciliation officers, moving between them to try to find common ground. Afterwards Mr Alex Kinson, Scottish executive officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said that the breakdown had come about over the employers seeking to increase the mileage above which bonus would be paid by 10 miles to 300 miles in 10 hours. For the employers, Mr George Mackenzie said that they were prepared to bring forward a top rate of £40 a week for 40 hours work to be operative immediately, instead of from January 1, but that the unions were not prepared to agree on increased productivity. Meetings of drivers have been called for tomorrow in Glasgow and Grangemouth. On Thursday shop stewards said that in the absence of a settlement they intended to intensify their action so that food supplies to the whole of Scotland would be stopped. They would make concessions to hospitals and to companies shipping essential supplies to troops in Northern Ireland and permit limited supplies of newspapers to Glasgow newspapers. So far there have been few marked effects on food supplies but some factories, including two large car assembly works, have been laying men off because of the non-arrival of parts and materials. Political pressure for government intervention is likely to mount. Mr Wilson and other Cabinet ministers have indicated that they are keeping a close watch on the situation but think it would be unwise to intervene with troops or other emergency measures until there is a recognizable breakdown of essential services. Talks on the Glasgow bus and Underground workers' dispute broke down late yesterday after the workers rejected an offer. Talks are due today on the strike of Glasgow cleansing department's drivers, whose stoppage has led to about 20,000 tons of refuse lying uncollected. Complacency charge: Mr Heath yesterday accused the Government of playing into the hands of the Scottish National Party by complacency over the strike (our Political Staff writes). He called on the Prime Minister to instruct Mr Ross and Mr Foot to ensure immediately that the pay restraint of this social contract was honoured, or to admit that it was irrelevant to questions of pay and industrial peace. Contingency plans must be prepared to prevent health hazards and maintain food supplies. Rolls strike continues: A strike of 6,000 Rolls-Royce workers, which has crippled the company's Scottish production, is to continue, 2,000 men decided unanimously yesterday (the Press Association reports).

Farmers in Wales back meat import ban

From Our Correspondent Aberystwyth The Welsh Council of the National Farmers' Union decided at Aberystwyth yesterday to back legal steps to prevent the importation of all meat from Ireland and other countries. It said that preventive action would be taken at Welsh ports. The council also decided to call on Mr Pease, Minister of Agriculture, for a floor price for beef. It said it would be meeting Mr Morris, Secretary of State for Wales, next Friday to give him evidence of a grave lack of fodder on Welsh farms. Meat subsidy: The Government decided yesterday to support an EEC scheme for reducing the Community's glut of beef by subsidizing wholesalers to store supplies for four months (our Agricultural Correspondent writes). That means 25,000 tons will be taken off the British market. The decision in favour of the scheme, which will be prepared by the Community beef management committee on Monday, implies tacit acceptance of the claim by beef farmers that the present slaughter premium has failed. That was intended to encourage farmers to keep animals through the winter. Sugar production: Tate & Lyle said last night that it would reduce production if the EEC subsidy scheme for cane supplies did not work.

Labour moderates all out to win party post

By Geoffrey Smith Political Staff Mr Cledwyn Hughes, a former Secretary of State for Wales and Minister of Agriculture, and one of the leading Labour moderates, is to stand against Mr Ian Mikardo for the chairmanship of the Parliamentary Labour Party. To give him a clear run against Mr Mikardo, the incumbent and the champion of the left wing, Mr Arthur Bottomley, Mr Freddie Willey and Mr William Hamilton have given assurances that they will not stand again. Mr Mikardo won in March essentially because of the split vote of the centre and right of the party. He was ahead by only 14 votes in an election where 272 votes were divided between five candidates. Because there were so many candidates it was then agreed not to have further ballots but to award the office to the candidate with the most votes even though he had no overall majority. Even should a third runner come forward this time it is unlikely that anyone will be declared the winner before he has secured an overall majority. That would require no more than two ballots at most, assuming that there are only three candidates, whereas the prospect in March was of a long and dreary succession of ballots. Another practice in the March elections is more likely to be repeated. The Tribune group then put forward a slate of six candidates whom they recommended for election to the liaison committee, whereas the moderates had a list of 12 from whom they suggested that Labour MPs might select their choice for the six places. Both groups may confidently be expected to follow the same procedure again.

Mr Heath ponders 'shadow' changes

By George Clark Political Correspondent Mr Heath continued his consultations yesterday with other leading Conservatives about Shadow Cabinet changes which are to be announced before next Tuesday, when the new session of Parliament will be opened by the Queen. The main point of speculation is whether the Opposition leader will choose Lord Carrington, former Secretary of State for Defence, as the principal spokesman on foreign affairs. According to some senior Opposition peers he is unlikely to want to place that appointment in the House of Lords when it is essential that a strong foreign affairs team should face Mr Callaghan in the Commons. That was probably why some peers were accepting yesterday that Lord Carrington might return to his position as leader of the Conservative peers, which he held from 1963 to 1970, although Lord Aberdare, who has been deputy leader in the Lords since 1970, would seem the natural successor to Lord Windlesham. One other name suggested yesterday was Lord Halifax of St Marylebone, the former Lord Chancellor. If the choice of shadow Foreign Secretary is made from the present Opposition front bench in the Commons it would seem likely that Sir Geoffrey Howe, who now specialises in pensions and the social services, could be given promotion in preference to Mr Geoffrey Rippon, the former Secretary of State for the Environment, who earlier, as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, was responsible for day-to-day negotiations for entry into the EEC.

Suspended sentences and fines for 'blue' films

Three men and two women were said by a judge yesterday to have enabled others to reap a "rich and illicit harvest" from the sale of "blue" films. Mr Justice Wien said at Birmingham Crown Court that all of them were, in varying degrees, victims of corruption and exploitation by people conducting a highly lucrative business as a result of their willing cooperation. They had degraded themselves beyond measure "for the sake of apparently small sums". But, the judge said, they acknowledged "the manifest obscenity" of the films. George Mason, aged 37, of Pen-shaw Grove, Moseley, Birmingham, described as a link man in the pornographic film organization, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment suspended for two years, and fined £200 or two months' jail in default. Colin Richards, aged 34, of Phillips Street, Aston, Birmingham, who as caretaker allowed the Aston Manor school to be used for filming, was fined £350 or six months. Sheila Ullah, aged 27, of Wright Street, Small Heath, Birmingham, who was sentenced to three months' imprisonment suspended for a year. Two other minor performers, Jacqueline Winch, aged 21, and Melvyn Such, aged 28, living in Oakfield Road, Selly Park, Birmingham, were each fined £150 or two months' jail. All had been awaiting sentence for a week after pleading guilty to conspiring with others to publish obscene films. The judge rejected defence counsel's application for Miss Winch and Mr Such to change their pleas to not guilty, but in dealing with them he said they had played the least important part in the conspiracy.

Mixed reaction to thalidomide tax aid

By Diana Geddes The Government's decision to pay £5m into the thalidomide trust to offset the effects of the tax on disabled children has attracted mixed reactions. Mr Lewis Waddilove, director of the Rowntree Memorial Trust, said that the Government's decision was not wholly unexpected. Since the fund was set up in April, 1973, with £3m provided by the Government, 18,000 applications had been received and more than 10,000 grants averaging £200 each had been made. Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, who has played a leading part in the campaign on behalf of the thalidomide children, said that the "imaginative and generous offer" lifted the shadow of poverty from the victims. He said that many people were critical that too much attention had been paid to thalidomide victims to the neglect of people with other handicaps. As chairman of the All Party Group, he had been working behind the scenes for five years for all handicapped people. "But because these others are not dramatic cases they have not caught the attention of the media. That does not mean they are neglected," he said. Mr David Mason, the chief campaigner among thalidomide children's parents, described the Government's decision to offset the effects of taxation on the thalidomide trust as "an enormous victory for common sense, compassion and humanity". He added: "The Distillers' Company at the end of the day supplied the goods and the Government came to our rescue. If anything should be mis- taken for the future, the responsibility will lie fairly and squarely upon the shoulders of the trustees and parents". Mr Alec Purkis, chairman of the Society for the Aid of Thalidomide Children, saw the decision as recognizing "government responsibility in approving thalidomide for prescription through the National Health Service".

Government may have lead of three in House

By Our Political Correspondent After the elections of deputy chairmen next week it is expected that Labour's overall majority in the Commons will be three. The non-voting officers will be Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Speaker, a Conservative; Mr George Thomas (Cardiff West, Lab), Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Ways and Means; Mr Oscar Morrison (Poole, C) and a Labour backbencher, who will be deputy chairman. The Labour choice seems to lie between Sir Alfred Broughton (Bately and Morley) and Sir Myer Galpern (Glasgow, Shettleston).

Court called 'soft' wants children's law changed

From Our Correspondent Stockport The juvenile court at Stockport, Cheshire, is asking for changes in the law after complaints that they are "too soft" in dealing with young offenders. The juvenile panel disclosed yesterday that it is asking four local MPs for assistance. One of the magistrates has resigned "in frustration" over the system of dealing with young people in trouble. Mr Arthur Harding, chairman of the juvenile panel and a magistrate for 13 years said yesterday that there had been many criticisms of the apparent failure of the present act. "The law restricts the powers of the juvenile court to deal adequately with young people. There is also a lack of facilities, particularly secure accommodation for offenders." "The problem was high-

lighted in Stockport recent when Mr Michael Burlin, resigned. The majority of the magistrates feel that his reason were in line with their own feelings. We are writing to the MP for a meeting for advice on steps which could be taken. We hope they will bring pressure on the appropriate ministers. The chairman-elect of the panel, Miss Mildred Orchardson, said: "There have been complaints from the public, the press and other media that we are being too lenient with offenders. But our hands have been tied by the law. So much has been put into the hands of the social services department. We want a change in the law. When he resigned, Mr Burlin, aged 39, stated: "I do not know what measures will deter juveniles but I am satisfied the present system holds little fear for regular offenders."

Magazine gives apology to grocery chain

A magazine's colour photographs of a dirty packet of suet and a puerrescent dried breadcrumb brought a High Court libel writ from Fine Fare, the grocery chain. The text to the pictures in The Sunday Times magazine said the goods were purchased at Fine Fare's store in Voltaire Road, Clapham, London, but there is no Fine Fare store "The shop in Voltaire Road to which the defendants had intended to refer is in fact called Clapham Food Fare and has no connexion with Fine Fare", their counsel, Mr Alec Grant, said. He was reading an agreed statement of Fine Fare's action, brought, he said, to vindicate their reputation, not to seek damages. A rusty can of peas shown in another photograph had been bought at a Fine Fare branch in Cardiff, but the magazine had got the address wrong. A carton of creamed coconut with a cracked and partly displaced lid was admittedly sold by a Fine Fare shop in Leicester. The company regretted that it was overlooked by the staff. A different type of carton was now used by the manufacturers. The publishers, as well as expressing their regret, had agreed to pay Fine Fare's legal costs. Mr Justice Milmo gave leave for the record of the action to be withdrawn.

Windlesham BBC tribute

By Kenneth Gosling Independent television has good reason to be thankful for the freedom from government pressures which the BBC built up in its early years. "This is not so in other parts of the world," Lord Windlesham, who is joining ATV Network next month as joint managing director, said yesterday. "All broadcasters should be concerned about the principle of independence, and any new arrangements for financing the BBC should be made only after a period of very thorough scrutiny by an all party independent committee", he said. Lord Windlesham is returning to independent television after four years as a minister in the Conservative government, and as a member of the Shadow Cabinet. He said that television standards had improved, particularly in news drama series. "There are four on our Father-Brown; Upstairs, Downstairs; South Riding, a Jenny, each of which a 5 years ago would have been regarded as a major event. Independent television has had improved news programmes when you think how I ahead the BBC were". regarded News at Ten as the most authoritative news programme.

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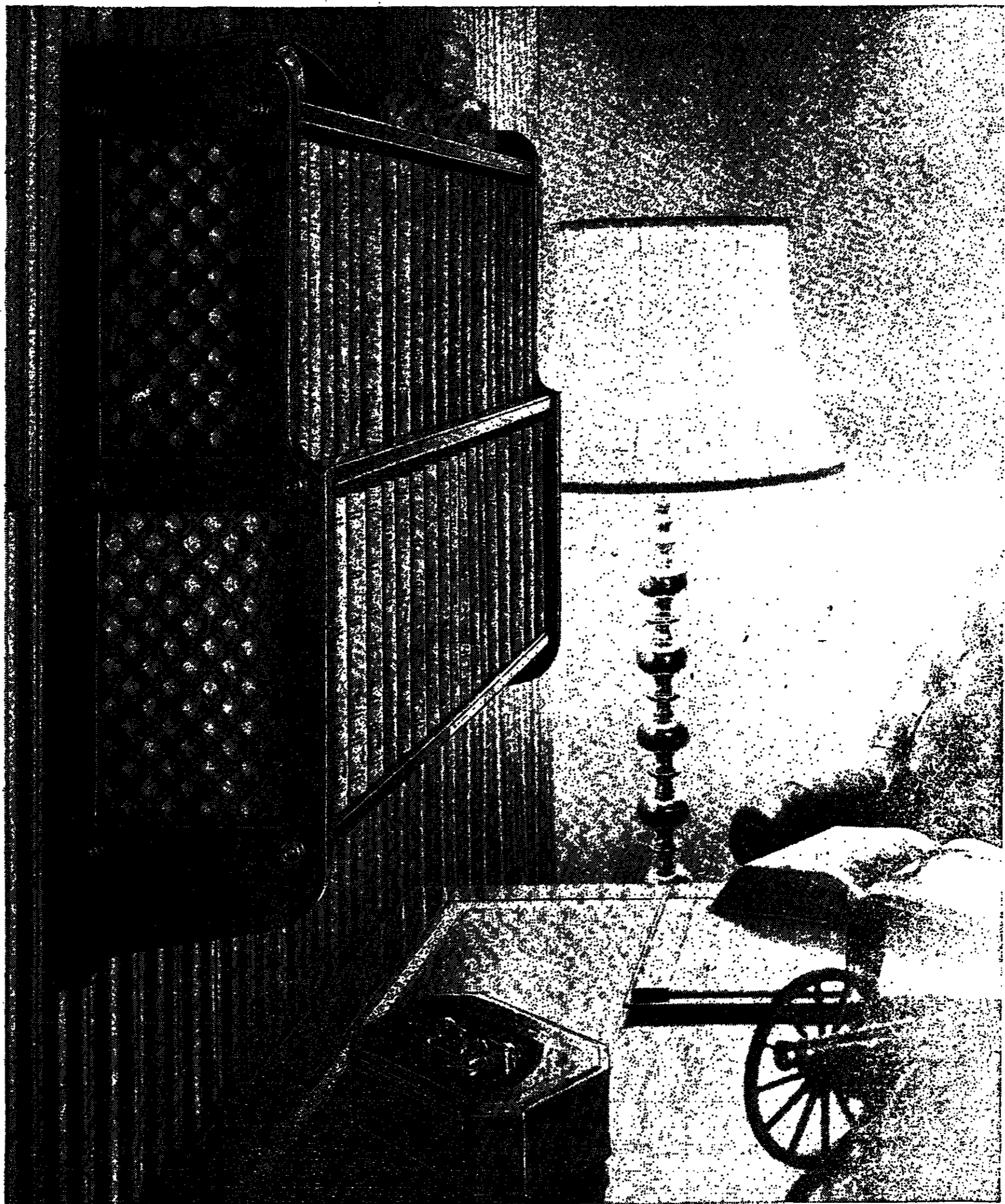
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HOME NEWS

Mrs Castle challenges Sir Keith Joseph's 'irresponsible' views

By Our Political Correspondent Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, yesterday challenged the basis of remarks made a week ago by Sir Keith Joseph, Conservative spokesman on home affairs. She said it was "frighteningly irresponsible" for him to have raised a cry of alarm about a threat to "our human stock" on inaccurate statements concerning births to single-parent teenage households.

households is actually about 4 per cent of births in social classes four and five. If we omit those of teenage broken marriages which cannot be enough to affect the argument. And if we look at the 1972 figures for England and Wales, only 3 per cent of all births were illegitimate teenage births. On this flimsy basis Sir Keith's cry of alarm about a threat to our 'human stock'. To do so on such inaccurate evidence is frighteningly irresponsible. And to talk about the need to reorientate our society by special reference to girls in socio-economic classes four and five is wickedly unjust.

Nurses 'take substantial tips from patients'

By Diana Geddes Nurses in private hospitals and in private wards of National Health Service hospitals have been accepting substantial tips from patients, according to a report published in Snap, the fortnightly newspaper of the student section of the Royal College of Nursing. It cites the case of an agency nurse on night duty at a London private hospital who was given a £5 note by a male patient admitted for overnight observation.

Probation for woman who killed her baby

A third cousin of the Queen who killed her daughter, aged nine months, with drugs after doctors told her the child had no hope of living was put on probation for 12 months at King's Crown Court yesterday. Mrs Elizabeth Wise, aged 38, who was staying with friends at Kintbury, near Newbury, Berkshire, at the time, pleaded not guilty to murdering the child, Emma, last June but guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility.

In brief Murder suspect dies in jail

A lodger accused of murdering his landlady last week has died while on remand at Bristol prison. Derek Lee, aged 19, was due to appear for a second hearing at Gloucester Magistrates' Court yesterday accused of murdering Mrs Margaret Avis, aged 47.

Gelignite remand

Bail of £10, with two sureties of £250 each, was granted by Epping magistrates yesterday to Frances Mabel Redman, aged 38, of Rosebery Avenue, Tottenham, north London, who is charged with possessing 28 sticks of gelignite at Waltham Abbey on October 15.

Cardinal recovering

Cardinal Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster, aged 69, was said yesterday to be making satisfactory progress in Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, after an asthmatic attack which occurred 18 days after he had recovered from a heart attack.

£21,000 stolen

Two masked gunmen are being sought by police after fleeing yesterday with £21,000 in wages from the Slough printing factory of Hazell's Offset Ltd only a few minutes after the money had been delivered.

Sir Adrian better

Sir Adrian Boult, aged 85, the conductor, who is recovering from a prostate gland operation in a London hospital, was much better yesterday, the hospital said.

Evidence concluded

Judith Ward, the accused in the M62 coach bomb trial, ended her evidence yesterday after being in the witness box for a total of 19 hours, spread over five days.

WEST EUROPE

Italian crisis deepens as Senator Fanfani fails to form Cabinet

From Peter Nicholls Rome, Oct 25 Senator Amintore Fanfani, the Secretary of the Christian Democratic Party, tonight told President Leone that he had failed to form a Government. He has recently been described by one of the ministers in the outgoing Government as the 'Christian Democrat's' 'last card'.

E German leader urges speed-up in security talks

Helsinki, Oct 25.—Herr Willi Stoph, East German head of state, flew home today after a four-day visit to Finland, the first state visit outside the communist world by an East German leader.

£107,000 paid for remnants of Goring collection

Munich, Oct 25.—China, glass and other objects owned by Hermann Goring, the Nazi Air Force chief, and said by experts to be mostly valueless, fetched a total of DM640,000 (£107,000), more than five times their catalogue value, at an auction in Munich today.

Britain looks to Bonn for Community budget support

By David Spanier Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, will visit Bonn on November 10 for talks with Herr Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister. The meeting marks the start of Mr Callaghan's most intense phase of renegotiation of the terms of Britain's membership of the European Community.

W Berlin not to extradite girl held for murder

From Our Own Correspondent Bonn, Oct 25 The West Berlin authorities today finally decided to refuse the extradition to East Germany of an 18-year-old girl alleged to have murdered her father there.

Trudeau hope of EEC link may mean year's wait

From Roger Berthoud Brussels, Oct 25 Mr Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, left Brussels today with his main object of emphasizing Canada's separate identity largely fulfilled. But it was clear that full agreement on some form of 'contractual link' between the European Community and Canada will take at least a year to achieve.

Wilson refusal

Brussels, Oct 25.—Mr Wilson, the British Prime Minister, has turned down an invitation to the meeting of Social and Socialist Democratic leaders of the European Community to be held in The Hague on November 1 and 2.

Figures help British case

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Oct 25 The European Commission today adopted its controversial analysis of national contributions to the Community budget in relation to gross national product. According to well placed sources, it went some way towards supporting the Labour Government's position.

'City regions' urged to avert urban sprawl

From Christopher Warman Local Government Correspondent Birmingham The inevitable increase in urbanization should be channelled into the development of city regions, Mr Gerald Smart, Hampshire county planning officer, told a conference of the British section of the Union of Local Authorities yesterday.

Open doors in Russian seaboard academy

By Philip Howard The Soviet training ship Professor Ukhov, which is moored in Pool London, has opened its doors to the public. HMS Belfast, opened its hatch and decks yesterday to inspection by the British press.

Attendances up at Motor Show this year

By Our Motoring Correspondent Against all expectations because of a slump in car sales and fears about the price of petrol, the final assessment at the London International Motor Show, which closes tonight, suggests attendances substantially up on last year.

New authority appeals for higher grant

From Our Correspondent Worcester The new county council of Hereford and Worcester, which expects to end its first financial year nearly £5m in deficit, says it would need a rate increase of 53 per cent to 66p in the pound, to restore cuts and meet normal growth commitments next year.

Government blamed for 'poor' public buildings

By John Young Planning Reporter The standard of new public buildings would never be improved until the Government abandoned its hopelessly inadequate and antiquated architects, Mr Thurston Williams, president of the Association of Official Architects, said yesterday.

Crewn locked skipper off bridge in sea lane

From Our Correspondent Blackpool A trawler was left without an officer in command in fog when the skipper, Mr Albert Watson, was locked in his cabin while the crew drank on the bridge in a shipping lane, a court was told yesterday.



Eager beavers of the Russian Merchant Navy cluster behind the Professor Ukhov's master, Captain Vasilii Snopkov, in the Port of London yesterday.

Dauntsey's told to stop free scholarships

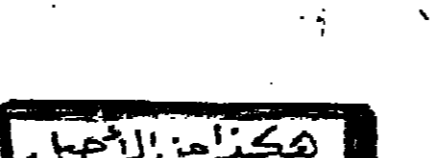
From Our Correspondent Devon Free scholarships to Dauntsey's, the direct-grant school at West Linton near Devon, are to end on the direction of the Department of Education and Science. The endowment of Alderman William Dauntsey's will of 1542 funds several thousand pounds short of the sum required even to maintain the 29 scholarships already in the school, it was disclosed yesterday. But none is at risk.

Post Office asked to try to save Saturday delivery

By Our Industrial Editor Lord Peddie, chairman of the Post Office Users' Council, yesterday warned the Post Office Corporation's board and the Government not to take a hasty decision to abolish Saturday postal deliveries. His intervention comes when the board, which is negotiating with the Union of Post Office Workers, seems divided over a union offer to let more women and part-timers into the postal services in return for a five-day week. It would mean the end of Saturday deliveries and disrupt Sunday sorting arrangements for Monday deliveries.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Answers given by the great leader COMRADE KIM IL SUNG to questions raised by delegation of National Association of Senegalese Journalists

Question: The youth problem is a matter of greatest concern for us. How have you solved this problem in your country?

Answer: The youth problem is a very important one, decisive of the success of the revolution and construction and related to the future destiny of a nation. Young people represent a great revolutionary force for the building of a new society. A great social change can be brought about only when the youth, vivacious, vigorous and courageous, take an active part in the revolutionary struggle and constructive work. The youth are also the successors to the revolution and the masters of future. The future of a nation can be bright only when the youth are sound politically and ideologically and morally and fully prepared for revolution. In the final analysis, any nation can gain a success in the revolution and construction and achieve national prosperity only when it solves the youth problem correctly.

A correct solution of the youth problem means closely rallying broad sections of young people into a revolutionary organization, and educating and training them in a revolutionary way to be competent workers for the building of a new society and prepared well as the successors to the revolution who will shoulder the future destiny of a nation.

We directed deep attention to the solution of the youth problem from the first days of our revolutionary struggle and solved this problem with success in each stage of the revolutionary development.

In fact, it can be said that our revolutionary struggle began with the work of educating and uniting young people. In the period of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle we, directing primary efforts to the work with the youth, educated the patriotic youth of all strata in a revolutionary way and firmly rallied them under the banner of anti-imperialist national liberation, organized the anti-Japanese guerrilla army with them and waged the glorious armed struggle for the liberation of the fatherland.

In order to solve the youth problem correctly after the liberation, we first of all formed a youth organization conforming to the specific realities of our country and the characteristic features of the youth.

Right after the liberation when the historic task of building a new, democratic Korea with the mobilization of all the patriotic, democratic forces throughout the country was raised, we organized the democratic youth league, a mass organization of youth, in conformity with the requirements of our revolutionary development and characteristic features of the youth in our country and rallied the youth of all walks of life into it. By so doing we could prevent the split of the youth movement and powerfully organize and mobilize the youth of all strata in the building of a new country under so complicated a situation.

In the solution of the youth problem we also attached importance to the work of educating and training the youth and always directed much efforts to it.

In the education of the youth, we are directing primary efforts to the strengthening of the education of the youth in Juche.

The Juche idea of Our Party is an idea that the masters of the revolution and construction are the masses of the people and that they are also the motive force of the revolution and construction. In other words, it is an idea that one is responsible for one's own destiny and one has also the capacity for hewing out one's own destiny. Only when the youth are firmly armed with the Juche idea can they take an active part in the revolutionary struggle and constructive work with a high consciousness as the direct performers of the revolution and construction, the masters of future. We, therefore, always give top priority to education in Juche in the ideological education of the youth.

Our experience shows that when all the youth are firmly armed with the ideas of their party, the lines and policies of their party, can they devote themselves to the struggle for the revolution and construction in their country with high national pride and revolutionary self-confidence, believing in their own strength.

What is of particular importance in the ideological education of the youth is the class education.

Today the revolution assumes protracted nature not only in the bounds of a single country but also on a world-wide scale and generations go by constantly. Only when the class education of the youth, the new, rising generation, is strengthened, can they wage an uncompromising struggle against the enemy of the revolution, not forgetting the past days when there were oppression and exploitation.

Under the slogan: Don't forget the past, we are making efforts to educate the youth so that they may not forget the past when our people were exploited and oppressed by the imperialists.

We always direct special attention to the class education of the youth as the country is divided into two and we are standing directly faced with U.S. imperialism, the chieftain of world reaction.

We also educate the young people in the lofty patriotic spirit of infinitely loving their fatherland and their people.

He who does not love his fatherland and his people can not have a passion for the revolution in his country or devotedly struggle for its victory. We are intensifying the education of the youth in socialist patriotism to arm them with the spirit of infinitely loving their fatherland and people and are firmly preparing all the youth so that they may devote themselves to the struggle for the prosperity and development of the country and the well-being of the people, for the defence of the independence of the country and the gains of revolution from the enemy's encroachment.

What is also important in the education of the youth is to educate them to love labour and possess sound moral traits.

Apart from labour we can not speak about the prosperity and development of the country or the happy life of the people. It should be one of the noblest traits of the youth to love labour. We are educating the youth to love labour, regard it as the most honourable thing, consider it a shame to live idle doing no work, take the lead in tackling arduous work any time and any place and creditably do their bit in the revolution and construction.

We educate the youth to thoroughly oppose the corrupt bourgeois way of life and always live a frugal life and be polite in their act. It has become a trait of our youth in their daily life to live in a frugal and militant way and work with sincerity for society and collective.

Only when the youth master advanced science and technology, while arming themselves with the revolutionary ideas, can they take part in all social life truly and become masters and vigorously push ahead with the revolution and construction. We are now struggling by putting up a high level of demand that all the youth firmly arm themselves with advanced science and technology and possess one technique or more.

The youth of our country are playing a really important role in the revolutionary struggle and constructive work. Our youth performed great feats and undying exploits for the fatherland and the people in the period of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, the period of the democratic construction after liberation, the period of the hard-fought fatherland liberation war and the difficult period of the postwar rehabilitation and construction. The unshakable resolution and high revolutionary enthusiasm of our youth build faster and better a new, happy society, a new life, are being fully displayed in all fields of socialist construction today, too.

The youth of our country are now in an excellent ideological and mental condition and their moral traits are very good, and all the youth are firmly rallied around our party and the government of the Republic. Bright is the future of our fatherland because there are the revolutionary youth firmly united around the party.

We can say with high pride that we have reared well the reliable new generation, the heirs to the revolution, who will carry forward the revolutionary cause of our party and people. This is a great joy and pride of our people.

Question: How do you think about interaction between agriculture and industry in the developing countries proceeding from the experience of Korea?

Answer: As you know well, most of the developing countries are backward agrarian countries whose industrial development is insignificant. If there is industry in these countries, it is only a deformed and one-sided, meagre industry built by the imperialists with a view to plundering rich resources. The backwardness of industry in the developing countries is a result of the colonial rule of the imperialists.

Our experience shows that the developing countries should build and develop their own national industry in order to completely liquidate the consequences of the colonial rule of the imperialists and achieve economic independence.

Industry and agriculture are the two major branches of the national economy, the former being the leading branch of the economy, without building and developing a national industry it is impossible to develop other branches of the national economy or develop and modernize agriculture.

Industry, heavy industry in particular, is the material basis of the country's economic independence. Without building one's own national industry with the heavy industry as the backbone, one can neither lay the foundation of an independent national economy capable of building up the economic life of the country nor one's own efforts nor completely get rid of the economic subjugation and plunder by the imperialists. Without a firm independent national industry one cannot consolidate the already won political independence either.

It is not an easy job, of course, for the developing countries to build an independent national industry. These countries are short of fund and technique necessary for industrialization and have a few technical personnel. But, if the peoples of the developing countries struggle with a firm resolution to achieve the prosperity and development of their countries and the thriving of their nations with their own efforts and the resources of their countries on the principle of self-reliance, they will surely be able to successfully carry out any difficult task.



President Kim Il Sung

The developing countries have rich resources and inexhaustible production potentialities.

The peoples of the developing countries are also turning out to a struggle for building a new life with an exceptionally high revolutionary enthusiasm and creative activity. The creative wisdom of the masses of the people is inexhaustible and nothing is more powerful and resourceful than the masses of the people in the world. If the peoples of the developing countries who had been exploited and oppressed in the past courageously hew out the road of building a new life, deeply conscious that the masters of their destiny are themselves and their destiny must be shaped only by themselves, they will be able to overcome all obstacles and difficulties and occupy the fortress of industrialization without fail.

Further, if the developing countries strengthen economic and technical interchange and cooperation, they will be able to successfully fulfil the task of building an independent national industry in a short span of time without relying on big powers.

Question: How do you think about the reunification of divided Korea without outside influence?

Answer: It is the most important revolutionary task facing our people today to push aside the interference of outside forces and achieve the independent reunification of the divided fatherland.

Our nation is, by origin, a homogeneous nation which has lived with one culture and one language through a long history of thousands of years. Our country was divided into the north and south by outside forces at the end of World War Two and reunification has not been achieved still today due to the interference of outside forces. Outside forces are the very author of the split of our nation and the main obstacle to the reunification of our country.

The question of the reunification of our country is, to all intents and purposes, an internal question of our nation, which must be solved by the Korean people themselves. The internal question of the nation can be solved in conformity with the interests of the nation and the will of the people only by the efforts of the nation itself. The question of Korea's reunification can not be solved in reliance upon outside forces and there is no need for other peoples to interfere in the question of the reunification of our country. Our people are a resourceful and courageous people who are fully capable of solving the question of the country's reunification for themselves. If only the interference of outside forces is terminated in our country, our people will be able to achieve the peaceful reunification of the divided country for themselves. If the interference of outside forces is brought to an end, the dialogue now under way between the north and south will make a successful and rapid progress.

agreed upon in the north-south joint statement and are begging for the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops' permanent occupation of South Korea and further intensifying fascist suppression of the South Korean people, who demand reunification, and new war provocative manoeuvres.

If the independent and peaceful reunification of our country is to be accelerated under the present conditions, the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops, the main obstacle to it, must be driven out of South Korea and the "two Koreas" plot of the splittists within and without be smashed. Our Party and the Government of the Republic will bend every possible effort to remove all the obstacles lying in the way of national reunification and reunify the divided country by the efforts of the Korean people themselves, without interference of outside forces.

We strongly demand that the U.S. imperialists stop their moves of aggression and interference against our country, quit South Korea forthwith and desist from instigating or patronizing the South Korean authorities. If the U.S. imperialists, defying our repeated warnings, keep occupying South Korea and defend the nation-splitting manoeuvres and fascistization policy of the South Korean authorities, they will get nothing from this, but will suffer only an ignominious defeat.

We think that the United Nations should deal a deserved blow to the U.S. imperialists' aggression on our country and their interference in its internal affairs. The United Nations should take the "U.N. Forces" helmets off the heads of the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops occupying South Korea and force them to withdraw from there and take measures helpful to the Korean people in reunifying the divided country by themselves, without interference of outside forces.

We are convinced that the peoples of all countries of the world who value justice and love truth will actively support and encourage the struggle of the Korean people to check and frustrate the interference and splitting manoeuvres of outside forces on our country and reunify the divided country by themselves.

I take this opportunity to express deep thanks to the Government of the Republic of Senegal and the Senegalese people for their active support to the struggle of our people for reunifying the country independently.

Question: What is your position on the problems of decolonization of the African continent?

Answer: The African people have waged a stubborn struggle to liquidate colonialism and achieve national independence and won a great victory in this struggle. On the African continent, many countries have already won national independence and embarked upon the road of a worthy struggle for building a new life. The African continent which was called "colonial continent" and "continent of darkness" in the past is turning today into a new continent shining with the bright rays of freedom and liberation. Colonialism is living its last hours on the African continent.

Today the African people are vigorously struggling to finally liquidate colonialism on the African continent, consolidate the already won national independence and build a prosperous, new society.

The Korean people consider the struggle of the African people against imperialism and colonialism and for the final liquidation of colonialism on the African continent as a most righteous one and regard it their noble internationalist duty to actively support and encourage it. The Korean people fully support the peoples of Mozambique, Angola, Guinea-Bissau, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Tanzania and other African countries in their struggle against the colonialists and racists and will always stand firmly on their side.

In order to finally liquidate all forms of colonialism on the African continent, consolidate national independence and attain social progress and prosperity, it is imperative to steadily strengthen the anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist struggle.

Unless the imperialist aggressors are driven out, they do not give up their domination over the colonial and dependent countries. It is the nature of imperialism to invade and plunder other countries.

The people should fight to a finish against the foreign imperialists, upholding the banner of anti-imperialism and independence, and make a clean sweep of the left-overs of colonialism in all fields, political, economic and cultural. Only then is it possible to achieve national independence and build an independent and prosperous, new society.

If the African people are to win final victory in the struggle for decolonization, they should further strengthen solidarity among the people. Solidarity among the people is the source of strength and a firm guarantee of victory.

When the people of all the African countries closely unite and resolutely struggle, they will chase the imperialists sooner or later out of all regions of Africa to the last man, finally liquidate colonialism and build a new, independent and prosperous Africa, an Africa for the African people.

We firmly believe that the African people will surely achieve final victory in the struggle for decolonization.

OVERSEAS

Mr Ford has to make a few cheers go a long way on election tour

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Oct 25 Republicans are pleased that people turned out in the streets of Des Moines, Iowa, yesterday to cheer the President. Mr Ford's vigorous campaigning round the country has not generated much popular enthusiasm or interest, and the fact that several thousand people turned out to see and hear him is moderately encouraging for the party.



On target in Cape Town is Able Seaman J. J. Weeks showing visitors over the frigate Lowestoft.

Britain reassesses naval pact

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"We do these things because we know that the South Africa we know of is a country which is not trading links with other countries as a badge of respectability and of approval of their policies."

is politically damaging, but only marginally useful, then there is no equality of benefits in the Simonsown Agreement, and it should be brought to an end or allowed to wither on the vine.

Chief Whip, said that the reported rift between the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Defence was concentrating on the trivial. "In assessing the major political issues involved it is irrelevant to discuss 21-gun salutes, the firmness of handshakes between admirals or the size of the gins and tonics," he said.

Inquiry promised into Mr Tanaka's finances

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Oct 25 Mr Masuochi Ohira, Japan's Minister of Finance, promised angry opposition members of the Diet (Parliament) today that the tax authorities would examine thoroughly the personal financial accounts of Mr Tanaka, the Prime Minister, who was accused this week of indulging in questionable business deals.

Liberal Democratic Party, the "Seirankei", met in Tokyo to demand Mr Tanaka's resignation. The meeting was called after Mr Tanaka told journalists this week that he did not think he was obliged morally, as a public figure, to open up his vast business empire to the scrutiny of the public.

Fossils put man at four million years old

Addis Ababa, Oct 25—Archaeologists said today they had found fossilised human remains dating back between three and four million years, which would revolutionise thinking on the origins of man. Members of an American-Italian expedition to show parts of the fossils discovered this month in the central Afar region of eastern Ethiopia, near the Awash River.

S Vietnam army discharges 400 officers

Saigon, Oct 25—Nearly 400 officers, including 20 colonels, are to be discharged from the South Vietnamese army, the Defence Ministry announced today.

New constitution for Cuba in February

Havana, Oct 25—Dr Fidel Castro, whose revolutionary constitution suspended Cuba's constitution in 1959, said a new one will be completed in four months.

"Like this I can stay where I belong"



WIN your old and living on a small fixed income, your terror is that poverty will force you to abandon your home, your trusted friends, your neighbours and the roots you've put down over the years.

DISTRESSED GENTLEFOLK'S AID ASSOCIATION "Help them grow old with dignity"

In brief

Floods threat to Yugoslav crops Belgrade, Oct 25—Some 40,000 soldiers and volunteers have been mobilized to help to save Yugoslavia's harvest, threatened by rains which have flooded more than a million acres in the central and northern parts of the country, Tanjug News Agency reported today.

Only veto in UN can save S Africa

From Peter Stafford New York, Oct 25 Three African countries have tabled a resolution in the Security Council calling for the immediate expulsion of South Africa from the United Nations. They did so last night, after hearing yesterday's defence of South Africa's policies by Mr Botha, the permanent representative, and their action reflects the African response to it.

Egypt-Israel peace hinges on Sinai oilfields

From Eric Marsden Jerusalem, Oct 25 When Dr Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, returns to the Middle East early next month he is expected to seek progress on the practical issues involved in the next stage of peace negotiations.

Churchill gift

New York, Oct 25—The United States mission to the United Nations today received a gift of the collected speeches of Sir Winston Churchill from the collection's editor, Professor Robert Rhodes James of Sussex University.

Concorde draws crowds

Los Angeles, Oct 25—Concorde ended its tour of the United States west coast today after drawing crowds so big they blocked the motorways around the airport here for three hours. The plane flew on to Mexico and Peru.

Win a free Adamsez bathroom worth £1,000. Just come along and see us during the opening week of our beautiful new showroom—that's October 28th to November 2nd.

Jack Benny well

Hollywood, Oct 25—Jack Benny, the comedian, left hospital here yesterday after five days of tests for chest pains which he suffered in a Dallas hotel last Saturday. The tests on Mr Benny, who is 80, showed no sign of heart trouble.

Russian appeal to World Council of Churches

By Peter Reddaway Appeals to the World Council of Churches and other bodies to intervene before the means of believers and, in this way, infringing their material rights. But, the appeal points out, "it is obvious and well known that the church puts no compulsion on members to contribute money."

Vorster Cabinet increases border defence

Cape Town, Oct 25—The fight against guerrillas in Rhodesia is becoming more and more like conventional warfare, Mr Kruger, the South African Minister of Police, told Parliament in Cape Town today.

Concern over Indian editor

From Michael Hornsby Delhi, Oct 25 A controversy over freedom of the press, always a potentially explosive issue in India, has blown up round the quiet-spoken and gentlemanly figure of Mr George Verghese, the 47-year-old editor of The Hindustan Times, one of the country's most respected and independent English-language daily newspapers.

Sadats visit to Paris

Paris, Oct 25—President Sadat of Egypt has been invited to pay the working visit to France, the Egyptian spokesman said today. He expected the visit to take place early in the year.

The Duke's tour

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit five countries in central America after the state visit to Mexico in February: Belize (formerly British Honduras), El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

Soviet harvest falls short

Moscow, Oct 25—Official statistics released today indicate that the Soviet Union will have a total grain harvest this year of about 15 million tonnes below the target of 205,600,000 tonnes.

Chess adjournment

Moscow, Oct 25—Anatoly Karpov and Viktor Korchnoi today played 40 moves of their sixteenth game in the world chess championship final before adjourning until tomorrow, with Karpov a pawn up.

Prison sentence on Hongkong police inspector

Hongkong, Oct 25—Chief Anthony de Sebestyen, aged 47, a British police inspector, today jailed for two years and half on a charge of being in control of money disproportionate to his official income.

Nixon aide quits

Washington, Oct 25—Mr Raymond Price, a White House speechwriter who wrote former President Nixon's resignation address, has resigned himself, the White House said today.

2,000 cholera deaths Dacca, Oct 25—At least 2,000 people have died of cholera in Bangladesh in the past two months, according to local press reports.

"Three Weeks" was a scandalous success when it was first published in 1907 and made the name of Elinor Glyn world famous. As she herself said, "It seems almost incredible now that it should have been thought so highly improper."

When Mrs Glyn was stricken with typhoid and rheumatic fever, she spent her convalescence writing in blue school copybooks an account in letter form, of her Edwardian weekend visits to the grand houses. In 1900 it was not "the thing" for a "lady" to become an authoress, but a friend who worked on a newspaper coerced Mrs Glyn into publishing these somewhat saucy "letters" in instalments with the name of the author veiled in utmost secrecy. The "letters" caused a great stir in the evening newspaper, for they were not only vastly entertaining, but also "daring" and obliquely indiscreet. The next instalment was eagerly awaited. Little wonder that a brilliant young Mr Gerald Duckworth, about to become the famous publisher, should become interested in this unknown authoress. By degrees he prevailed upon Mrs Glyn to allow him to publish these "letters" as a novel, and *The Visits of Elizabeth* was the beginning of Mrs Glyn's long career of success. The "letters" when published in 1900 were considered "shockingly immoral", but they made Elinor Glyn famous. With her first cheque from Duckworth, in spite of opposition to such extravagance from her husband, she bought her first tiger skin.

For many years Elinor Glyn has been in eclipse, but she is due for reappraisal: that her lifelong publishers have decided to bring her before a new generation is a plan that will doubtless bring enormous pleasure and entertainment. To those who know nothing of Elinor Glyn we need only introduce her by saying she was of good Scottish ancestry with French blood in her veins. Her father, an engineer named Sutherland, died young leaving her mother an impoverished widow of exceptional beauty with two daughters: Lucy, the elder, who later became the exquisite dressmaker "Lucile" of the pre-First World War period, and Nelly who spent part of her childhood in Jersey. Early on Nelly, teased by her contemporaries because of her flaming red hair, spent her happiest hours alone reading. She made sketches of her fashions, and the captions that accompanied them were her first attempts at writing. Gradually she realized her gift for composing imaginary letters and making up stories. Elinor's determination to escape from life in Jersey may have been the chief reason for her marrying Henry Clayton Glyn, a well-connected, rich, grey-haired, blue-eyed gentleman interested in sport, his estates, gambling, fox and wine. He seems to have married Elinor on a whim and, after two daughters were born, paid his wife but scant attention: understandably, since Elinor was quite an overpowering woman who demanded all the time to live life on a high plane. To accede to her every whim would have been more than he was willing to tolerate. The romantic Nelly poured out her loneliness, disillusionment and dreams into rows of notes. Elinor now moved in the almost exalted circles of her new friend and country neighbour, the notorious and somewhat à coté Frances, Countess of Warwick, and paid weekend visits to many vast homes at the time when house-parties were at their most fashionable. With her emerald cat-like eyes, startling white skin and flaming red hair, Elinor was greatly admired. She wore extravagant gowns designed by "Lucile" and she must have been dazzlingly spectacular when she was presented at Court. One can imagine the effect she created, especially when compared with the other women whom Mrs Glyn described as "exceptionally dowdy and plain, when she appeared in her voluminous velvet gown with wisp waist and gold-lined train with her proud head held high and Prince of Wales' feathers perched upon her tall coiffed hair.



The World of Elinor Glyn

by Cecil Beaton



the idyllic picnics on the Burgenstock, the lady seeing that he buys the right things, reading aloud to him, singing to the guitar in a language he knew not of—an exquisite pleasure of "sound that was almost pain". By degrees Paul realized that his lady-love was none other than a Balkan queen married to an older man whom she wished to kill but who did not deserve a fine death—a rotting carrion spoiling God's world and encumbering her path. It was only natural that the young couple reached the climax of their illicit happiness in Venice. Here, making generous use of the notes she had earlier written while in transports of unfulfilled desire, Elinor Glyn was able to reach her highest peak. With glorious gusto she described the spider and fly situation, and of how the healthy young man and his "abandoned" empress, centred together by passionate love, celebrated their souls' wedding on purple velvet pillows and tiger skins that have now become famous.

"Oh the divine joy of that night!" For this scene the authoress chose for her heroine a gown of shimmering green which accentuated her undulating movements. Her descriptive powers at their wildest, Mrs Glyn provided a setting with walls and nuptial couch entirely covered with dark red roses, "resisting and firm" while chains of the same dark roses hung from the ceiling. Tables were covered with tuberoses and stephanotis; hidden violins played and a boy's plaintive voice further excited the senses. On this, their last night together, Paul was totally overwhelmed by the panther-like grace, passion, mystery and force of his queen. After this gorgeous, if ignoble honeymoon, it is only right that the heroine must pay for her immorality with her death. The end of Mrs Glyn's Ruritanian romance becomes highly melodramatic. The authoress believed in every twist and turn of the tale she was telling: therein no doubt lay much of the reason for its success. But Mrs Glyn was somewhat disappointed when she realized that many readers paid less attention to the fate of the hero and were apt to throw her work away, once her tragic queen had met her demise, and there was no further prospect of white-hot passion. *Three Weeks* exploded on the world. It was an overnight sensation. A few of the critics praised it as being the best written of Mrs Glyn's works to date. Others were outraged: "modelled on the less admirable parts of D'Annunzio's writings." They wrote of its "lack of delicacy and refinement", "too much emotional intensity to deserve the reproach of lasciviousness". "Her account of the stolen 'lune de miel' is heavy and distasteful." "Mrs Glyn must return to fresher and more healthful themes, if she is to retain her hold upon an English audience." Bishops and headmasters inveighed against it; schoolgirls and schoolboys read it under the bedclothes. The rumours as to who were the originals of

the leading characters were wildly far from the truth. It was even suggested that this was a roman à clef about the Romanovs. Elinor Glyn was the friend of intellectual university dons; she studied thoroughly the subjects that interested her. There is no doubt that the lives of historical prostitutes fascinated her as did all forms of eroticism. But Mrs Glyn was appalled that *Three Weeks*, which she considered to be of a high moral tone, should have created such a scandal. In her autobiography she wrote: "It seems almost incredible now that it should have been thought so highly improper!" Mrs Glyn made a contribution in breaking down much of the remaining Victorian hypocrisy. Although today when almost every novel gives explicit descriptions of the most private thoughts and behaviour, it is startling to think that Mrs Glyn, the perpetrator of such a crime, should herself be branded as a scarlet woman and outlawed in Society by all but a few loyal friends. In the face of such hatred and opposition, Mrs Glyn showed courage. Although failure was unknown to her until almost the end of a long life, and Mrs Glyn's output of over 40 books was remarkable, she was never again to attain such success as with this novel. It sold two million copies and made her fortune. Mrs Glyn, a storm centre wherever she went, travelled throughout the United States promoting her book. For a woman who privately declared herself not interested in sex, and to be inspired only by the finer aspects of love, it must have been quite an ordeal for her to put herself on exhibition coiffed and attired, whenever possible, as her heroine. The rhyme that cannot have amused her as much as it did others, ran: "Would you like to skin with Elinor Glyn on a tiger skin? Or would you prefer to err with her on some other fur?" Yet she courageously continued to pour out such stories as *His Hour*, *The Man and the Moment*, *These Things*, *The Prince of Things*, *The Philistines*, *The Love Man and Maid*, *The Great Moment*, *Six Days*, *This Passion Called Love*, *Love's Hour*, *It and other stories*, *Glorious Flames*, *Did She?* When we look again at Elinor Glyn's work today, we see that she had a genuine talent for story-telling and that she wrote with a bold and clear style. Perhaps apart from the sensationally romantic aspects—the success of *Three Weeks* derived from her true sincerity and enjoyment of what she was doing. She relished every passionate sentence that she wrote. It is significant that the words which she repeated most often were "passion", "mystery", "fire" and "soul". Her seat for cats of all sizes and breeds, gipsy orchestras, caresses in moonlight, whispers in ears, wet and intense rain, notes in jewel cases and the heavy scent of gardenias, is infectious. Mrs Glyn admitted that she was often faced with the alternative of becoming a prostitute with her hair made up as a spectacular team of the dance floor. When taking pictures came in Mrs Glyn was suddenly considered old-fashioned, and the vicissitudes were usually hurried until the publication of yet another book. Some of them were obviously popular and her autobiography was written without her accustomed vitality. It is fortunate that her grandson, Anthony Glyn, put paid to this omission by writing an excellent biography in 1955. Elinor lived with her beautiful mother who survived to the age of a hundred-and-three, in a house decorated in the eighteenth-century taste of taffetas and lovers' knots at Kingston. Elinor, wearing a mob cap, was photographed in a Louis Seize bed garlanded with Lucile's roses, and being served coffee by a terrified-looking maid. 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She became such a frequent visitor to Montacute that in the footman's pantry where the balls to the various rooms were indicated on a large board, one was painted to denote "Mrs Glyn's room". Lord Curzon was amused by Elinor's quick wit. Once, when he asked her why her children were so much more intelligent than his own, she replied: "Well, the mother does make a difference!" Mrs Glyn had every expectation of being asked to marry this eminent peerage, but was completely crushed when, without warning, she read the announcement of his engagement to an extremely rich woman and beautiful widow from the Argentine. Hollywood lured Mrs Glyn with offers of dress, and surprisingly she was amused by and delighted with life in that extraordinary community. She possessed the talent of making friends easily, and could put in ease. From having started her new career as an expert on etiquette and "refined taste", she was soon asked to work in films as director. It was a remarkable feat that in the face of such execrable taste and deep-rooted vulgarity as only was to be found in the Hollywood of the silent picture era, Elinor Glyn was able to remain calm and executive—while Maugham and others fled in horror. Eventually Mrs Glyn was acknowledged as the reigning queen of the film world. With her chalk-white complexion, emerald, Kohl-rimmed eyes with unplucked eyebrows, she appeared as a Huysmans figure in her long, black velvet gowns with fur to match her hair. Among the "crazy" peroxide blondes with their plucked eyebrows and drab plaid and blue frocks, she appeared like some Ruritanian Empress. Her first film was made from her novel: *The Great Moment*, and she discovered in Aileen Pringle a "lady" who gave the impression of "going wrong" while her husband was away. Elinor Glyn's heroine wore the well-known plaid, and a deep décolletage to her sheath-like dresses of white satin. Mrs Glyn insisted that her films should be photographed in the glamorous soft-focus manner invented by the great camera artist, Baron De Meyer. De Meyer was the first to use "back-lighting" so that his female sitters were seen at their best. It was one of Mrs Glyn's contributions to the screen that her heroines appeared like spun sugar, and the champagne glass which they shared with their handsome lovers gave off—so did their typical Elinor Glyn settings were silvery or golden white highlights flashed from marble floors and columns, Art Deco chaises longues, and the hothouse flowers in huge silver baster urns. Mrs Glyn achieved the paradox of bringing not only "good taste" to the colovary, but also "sex appeal". She coined the word "le", and taught Rudolph Valentino to kiss the palm of a lady's hand rather than its back. She gave lessons in deportment and she advocated the benefits of dancing. "Eat what you like, drink what you like, so long as you dance every night." 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BBC 2... 7.40 am, Open University: Romantic Primitivism. 8.05-8.30. Maths. Galois Theory. 2.15 pm, Open Door. 3.00-3.30. Film, The Village (1957) with Pier Angeli, Mel Ferrer, John Kerr, Michele Morgan. 6.25. Man Alive: A Sport of Bover. 7.15. News. 7.30. Rugby: Moseley v Coventry. 8.20. The Pallisers: part 25. 9.10. Backstage: Sir John Gielgud on the theatre. 9.20. Them and Us, part 5. France. 10.50. Face the Music. 11.25. News. 11.30-1.20 am, Film, His Kind of Woman (1951) with Robert Mitchum, Jane Russell, Vincent Price.

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SOUTH BANK CONCERT HALLS

Director: John Denton CBE. Tickets: 928 3191. Telephone bookings not accepted. For enquiries when postal bookings have already been made: 928 2972. Postal applications must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA & CHOIR. Mozart: Symphony No. 40 in G major. Karl Richter. London Philharmonic Orchestra Ltd. £2.75, £2.20, £1.75 (all others sold).

NEW PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA & CHOIR. Brahms: A German Requiem. Lorin Maazel. New Philharmonic Orchestra Ltd. £2.75, £2.20, £1.75, £1.45 (all others sold).

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Verdi: Vespers of 1610. Philip Ledger. Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Ltd. £2.75, £2.20, £1.75 (all others sold).

ORGAN RECITAL. JEAN COSTA. Royal Festival Hall. Season tickets for the recital in October & November: £2.50.

BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY. Paganini: Violin Concerto No. 1 in B minor. Western Orchestral Society Ltd. £2.20, £1.66, £1.35, £1.10, 85p, 50p.

NEW PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Liszt: Piano Concerto No. 2. Garry Griffiths. New Philharmonic Orchestra Ltd. £2.75, £2.20, £1.75, £1.45, £1.10, 75p.

NEW JAPAN PHILHARMONIC. Strauss: Don Quixote. Seiji Ozawa. Harold Holt Ltd. £3.00, £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00.

LONDON BACH SOCIETY. Bach: Mass in B minor. Stanzel Bach Players. Paul Stanzel. £2.50, £2.00, £1.60, £1.30, £1.00, 65p.

NEW PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Beethoven: Symphony No. 2. Lorin Maazel. New Philharmonic Orchestra Ltd. £2.75, £2.20, £1.75, £1.45, £1.10, 75p.

ORQUESTRA SINFONICA BRASILEIRA. Villa-Lobos: Préludio. Isaac Karabitschewsky. Ann Van Wyck. £2.20, £1.65, £1.35, £1.10, 85p, 50p.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Handel: Music for the Royal Fireworks. Vernon Handley. Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Ltd. £2.75, £2.20, £1.75, £1.45 (all others sold).

ORGAN RECITAL. NOEL RAWSTORNE. Royal Festival Hall. Season tickets for the recital in October & November: £2.50.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY ORCHESTRON. Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 29 in A. Pierre Boulez. Royal Philharmonic Society Ltd. £2.75, £2.20, £1.75, £1.45, £1.10, 75p.

LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Tippett: Fantasy Concerto on a Theme of Corelli. Bernard Haitink. London Philharmonic Orchestra Ltd. £2.75, £2.20, £1.75 (all others sold).

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

DOMINICUS MARIA DI RUDEZ (concert performance). Doménicus Maria di Rudéz. Operas Rara Ltd. £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00.

SITHA DEVI (Indian Classical Dance). SITHA DEVI. Basit Dossoua Ltd. £1.75, £1.25, £1.00, 75p, 50p.

JUPITER STRING QUARTET. Jupiter String Quartet. Ibbes & Tillet. £1.10, 90p, 75p, 50p.

P. HILTON. P. Hilton. Ibbes & Tillet. £1.40, £1.10, 90p, 75p, 50p.

BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 7 in F. Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. £2.25, £1.75, £1.50, 80p.

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER CHORAL SOCIETY. National Westminster Choral Society. £1.30, £1.10, 90p, 70p, 60p.

JOAQUIN ACUARO. Joaquín Acuro. Ibbes & Tillet. £1.20, £1.00, 80p.

ITO UCHIYAMA. Ito Uchiyama. Ibbes & Tillet. £1.10, 90p, 75p, 50p.

NETHERLANDS WIND ENSEMBLE. Netherlands Wind Ensemble. Harrison/Parrott Ltd. £1.50, £1.25, £1.00, 75p, 50p.

HAYDN TRIO OF VIENNA. Haydn Trio of Vienna. Kirkman Concert Society Ltd. £1.30, 80p, 60p, 30p.

ENGLISH SINFONIA. English Sinfonia. Ibbes & Tillet. £1.20, £1.00, 75p.

ABBEY SIMON. Abbey Simon. Ibbes & Tillet. £1.30, £1.00, 80p, 50p.

LONDON BACH ORCHESTRA. London Bach Orchestra. £1.75, £1.50, £1.20, 40p, 30p.

PURCELL ROOM. Purcell Room. Ibbes & Tillet. £1.10, 90p, 75p.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL. NEW JAPAN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Conductor: SEIJI OZAWA. FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER at 8 p.m. For details see under "South Bank Concert Halls" column.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER at 8 p.m. LOUIS FREMAUX STEPHEN BISHOP CREMA WOMEN'S CHORUS. Piano Concerto in E flat, K.271. MOZART. The Planets. HAYDN. ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL (01-928 3191) and local agents.

TONI PRAXMAIR'S TYROLESE SINGERS & DANCERS. Schubert: Dances - Yodelling Songs - Zither Music. QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL. WEDNESDAY 30th OCTOBER at 7.45. PHILHARMONICA MOURA LYMPANY. Conductor: DAVID LITTAUER.

MARTINO TIRIMO piano. Schubert: Sonata in A minor, D.845. PROKOFIEV Divertimento, Op. 43b. SCHUMANN Davidsbündlerzeitung, Op. 6.

THE NASH ENSEMBLE. SCHUBERT'S QUINTET in A. D.667 (The Trout). VESUVIUS ENSEMBLE. Monday 11th November at 7.45 p.m. ALBERNI STRING QUARTET. Quartet in C, Op. 33 No. 3 "Birds". HAYDN. Quartet in A, K. 464. MOZART. Quartet in C, Op. 163. SCHUBERT.

EDUARD MELKUS ENSEMBLE. With LIONEL SALTER (harpsichord). VIRTUOSO MUSIC OF THE BAROQUE. PURCELL ROOM. BACK TO BASS BRONSON. Monday 11th November at 7.30 p.m. QUATUOR VIA NOVA. Tuesday 12th November at 7.45 p.m. AMICI STRING QUARTET. Friday 15th November at 7.30 p.m. RICHARD LESTER.

LONDON COLISEUM. SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER at 8. FIRST PRIZEWINNER OF THE 1974 ARTHUR RUBINSTEIN INTERNATIONAL PIANO MASTER COMPETITION, JERUSALEM. EMANUEL AX. JERUSALEM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Conductor: LUKAS FOSS.

MALAY SHADOW THEATRE. TWO NIGHTS ONLY. Monday 4th & Thursday 7th November at 7.30. COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE THEATRE. Kensington High Street, W.8 (01-602 3660). Ticket prices: 50p, £1.00, £1.50.

English National Opera at the London Coliseum. Now booking to Nov 30 for The Bassarids Die Fledermaus Così fan Tutte A Masked Ball Mary Stuart in Algiers. Booking to Jan 25 from Oct 28. Seats from 50p. Box Office 01-836 3161.

Patricia Hayes returns to Shakespeare

When Nicol Williamson opens as Macbeth at Stratford next Tuesday, in the production by Trevor Nunn which (it is fervently hoped) will revive the flagging fortunes of this year's RSC season there, the part of a Witch—Mr Nunn is not keen to number them—will be played by Patricia Hayes, she of BBC television's *Edna The Inebriate Woman* and *Beachcomber* and countless situation comedies in which she has stood for the likes of Benny Hill, Eric Sykes, Arthur Haynes and Tony Hancock.



As Maria in "Twelfth Night"

Not that this will be Miss Hayes's first Stratford appearance: she is already playing Maria in the current *Twelfth Night* and has worked that theatre before, though not, she admits, since 1933 in which year she was contracted to play Ariel by Bridges Adams but lost her health and ended up instead just playing *The Boy in the Wood* and *A Fairy in Midsommer Night's Dream*.

In the 41 years which separate her two Stratford seasons Miss Hayes has done no other stage Shakespeare but a great deal of everything else, not born into but surrounded by a theatrical family (her ex-husband Vincent Rook was an actor, her son is Richard O'Sullivan, her brother is Brian Hayes and her daughter is an opera singer) she has spent a lifetime in acting for which she reckons, "all you need is a body and a soul—all the rest is experience and technique".

gave me the ambition. Not that it's been one long easy life: still, I've had it better than some.

"I think radio was what saved me, really: I started doing little bits and pieces in the thirties, then when the war came and theatre jobs gave scarce I did a lot more, and after the war all the comedians I'd been working with started going into television and they took me with them. Mind you, I had some rules: never turn down a job, never let yourself get carried away with the money, never get too much money, never get too many of the laughs."

What took Miss Hayes into a new lease of her career was undoubtedly the success of *Edna* which won her the Actress of the Year award in 1972.

"Oh, it was wonderful: everything, as actress dreams about. A foreign director (Ted Kotcheff), like Svengali but kinder, saying 'Come on, you can do it, you will do it' and so I did. Mind you, I never held with a lot of modern directors—they can be terrible hams, even worse than actors."

"But it is curious how your life goes around in circles: I was the earliest radio job I ever had and was the last to leave. *John* and the other day when the BBC were re-doing it I heard the casting people were trying to get my son Richard to play it and the producer said 'If we can't get him, I suppose we could always try his mother again.'"

Until the end of January, Miss Hayes will remain at Stratford, alternating Maria and The Witch. What then?

"I really don't know: the number of years left to me is not so great that I can afford to do boring parts, but I'll never pack it up though I suppose it might pack me up—poor old dear, can't learn the lines! If someone would only give me the chance, I'd like to direct—I've had a good innings and I'd like to pass some of it on. What I know are the tricks of the trade—I'm not an academic, but there are already far too many of those around the theatre anyway."

Sheridan Morley

The heroic sweep of Charles Ives

Ives: Symphony No. 4. London Philharmonic/José Serebrier. RCA ARL10589 (£2.43). Ives: Piano Sonata No. 1 No.1 Lee. Nonesuch HY17169 (£1.98). Ives: Violin Sonatas Nos. 1-4. Paul Zukofsky and Gilbert Kalish. Nonesuch HB73025 (2 LPs) (£3.96).

At least because of the diverse nature of its movements, each for a markedly different instrumentation. Working in isolation, Ives, somewhat like Mussorgsky or Berlioz, was free of traditional restraints, particularly with regard to external stylistic consistency, and whereas the Prelude uses only a chamber ensemble, plus choir, his second movement, among other things a collage of various popular musics, is for a very large orchestra. This is full of apocalyptic tensions: everything happens at once. Peace returns, though not without disturbing moments, during the final third movement, closely related to Ives's String Quartet No. 1, but multiplied in its work again in the finale, which, with its three distinct orchestral groups, is as mysterious, in a quite different way, as the Prelude.

A triumph for Peter Pears

The Metropolitan Opera made one of its rare bows to contemporary music on October 18 when the company presented Benjamin Britten's latest stage work, *Death in Venice*. Even an opera of this kind, composed of a ten's stature, even one with so much built-in box office appeal using the familiar Thomas Mann novella as its source, represents something of a gamble for the Met. Its audiences are arguably the most conservative in the world and the Met's management presumably dictated by the need for sheer survival, has traditionally catered for its patrons' need to be comforted with standard works and star personalities.

Max Harrison

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An economic tale of two cities

This is a tale of two cities—or rather a tale of two economies. The cities are New York and Caracas. The tale is a story of survival. The other day Rebekah Harkness, millionaire extraordinary and, very rich lady in her own right, announced that she was about to give up her plaything, the Harkness Ballet. Mrs Harkness, founder and artistic director of the company, has apparently lost countless millions in a cautious exchange that, cares little for art.

and in Washington has collapsed, and the San Francisco Ballet is making a desperate last ditch fund-raising effort for survival. The concept of public support for the arts (whether that support comes from foundation or government) is at best, flimsy in the United States, and private support, whether it is as vast as Mrs Harkness's or on a far more modest scale, is not, in the days of recession, so readily forthcoming.

entire national budget going to education, but that a quarter of that quarter amounting to about half a million pounds—is to be allocated to the arts and sciences. Wow! At present Caracas is a modest town artistically. It has 11 theatres, including an opera house, the Teatro Municipal, and a slightly smaller theatre on the same civic lines that is used for Zarzuelas and the like. At present there is no indigenous Venezuelan opera or ballet.

Peter Davis

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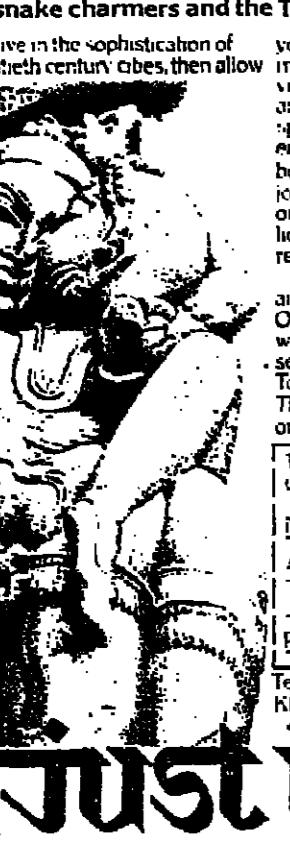
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Travel

Cashing in on the class war

Passenger ships are among the last repositories of class—perhaps because when travelling together people need to have defined a status which at home defines itself. The word "posh" is said to have originated on the P & O line's service to India in colonial heydays, port-side out, starboard home for the best cabins—and as recently as 20 years ago the great Atlantic liners still operated not two but three classes, with cabin interposed as an unobtrusive buffer between the upper classes in first, and the lower in tourist.

So when P & O, the largest British line and the last to operate two-class cruises, decided this year to scrap the barriers and revert to "open class" cruising, it was predictable that someone would step in to fill the first-class gap. Norwegian America Line, who started a series of "exclusive" cruises from Southampton in September with their 24,000-ton Sagafjord, make no bones about what they are trying to do. "These may be the most expensive cruises in Europe" says their advertising, "but unquestionably the best."

How valid is this claim? We made a trip on the Sagafjord, and one on P & O's 45,000-ton Canberra, to compare the two.

The first and most obvious point is the difference in cost. Rates on the Sagafjord vary from about £30 to £70 a day according to cabin; those on the Canberra £10 to £40. It is, of course, important to compare like with like. All Sagafjord cabins have private facilities and only one or two berths; the Canberra has a good deal of more utilitarian accommodation: inside four-berths without private facilities. We had an outside two-berth with bath on each ship.

The rate for the Canberra cabin for a fortnight's cruise in May was £440 a head; that for the Sagafjord cabin for an equivalent voyage in September (we actually made part of a 30-day cruise) would have been about £540. Our cabin on the Canberra was larger, more comfortable, and more attractive in furnishing and outlook.

Outside one's own cabin, the Canberra offers a much wider range of public rooms, facilities, and deck spaces, but they are shared with far more people. She carries nearly four times as many passengers as the Sagafjord (about 1,700 against 450) but is only twice the size.

So the Sagafjord undoubtedly scores in space per passenger, both on deck and in her elegant public rooms. Admittedly there were only 280 passengers on board with us (about 1,650 on the Canberra), but there was always plenty of room for a deck chair where one wanted it (and often a steward standing by to put it there) and the dining room and main ballroom can each hold all passengers at one time.

The other respect in which the Sagafjord will no doubt be thought to score by those who sail in her is in the matter of class or "exclusivity". About half the passengers on our trip were presumably well-off Germans, and one English couple had paid nearly £4,500 for their month's sojourn. On the Canberra one meets all sorts.

Obviously P & O thought long and hard before abandoning first-class, and have undoubtedly shed some of their former first-class passengers in the process. In throwing the whole ship open to all former tourist class now enjoy much more, and former first class relatively (though not actually) less. Standards of both food and service fall somewhere between the former first- and tourist class.

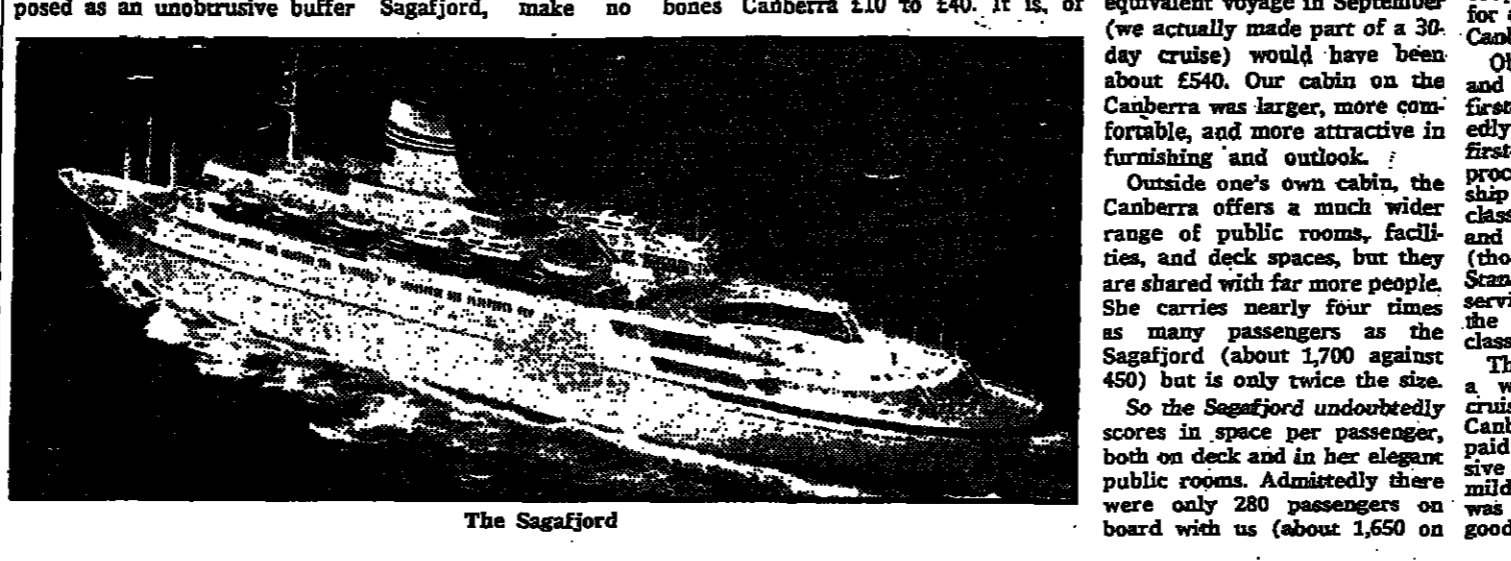
The point is exemplified by a wealthy passenger on our cruise who, not realising the Canberra was now classless, had paid £550 for the most expensive cabin on the ship, and was mildly peeved to discover he was getting the same menu—good but more limited than before—as people who had paid under £150. There was nothing to be done about it, and one wonders if P & O should not consider some kind of a Ja carte menu in a part of the dining area as an extra attraction.

It most respects we found the Canberra not merely equal but superior to the Sagafjord. Shipboard entertainment, the range and organization of shore excursions, and the libraries and shops were of a far higher standard. The ship's company were mostly welcoming, friendly and helpful.

Catering on the Sagafjord was ample in quantity, but with the exception of one meal, the welcome dinner, unexciting in quality. The potential merit of one sitting for meals was diluted by serving lunch and dinner promptly at 12.30 and 7pm, with a greater feeling of being rushed than on the Canberra's second of Canberra's two sittings. Worst of all, the ship's company seemed to be suffering some kind of grudge, which showed itself in lack of warmth, an occasional downright incivility towards passengers.

In a modest trattoria in Rapallo as we left the Sagafjord, it was good to be reminded by a meal prepared with love and care that there is still more to a cruise than a ship.

Michael Bailly
Shipping Correspondent



The Sagafjord

Gardening

Flowers for your arbour

Last week I mentioned white currants which prompted a neighbour to ask who wanted white currants? This led to a fairly heated argument—brown versus white eggs came into it. Here people are silly enough to pay more for brown eggs, but in the United States I am told it is the other way round. The argument went back and forth; somebody pointed out that white fleshed peaches were not nearly so flavoured as the yellow fleshed varieties, and particularly the nectarines.

The finest flavoured grape is the white, or pale amber coloured, when really ripe, Muscat of Alexandria; white fleshed potatoes were cast as inferior to the yellow fleshed varieties, epitomized by Golden Wonder.

And here may I digress for a moment? Fewer and fewer firms are sending seed potatoes by post, or rail these days, and who can blame them? It would be wise to seek out, if possible, a local supplier who is having his stock of seed potatoes delivered in bulk, and place your order now. Ideally, we should have our seed of early varieties to hand in late January or February so that they can be set up to sprout, and thus hasten the happy day when we lift the first forkful of new potatoes.

Returning to white flesh; we have been delighted with the new cucumber Sigmadew from Suttons. It has an ivory, almost white, skin and is of an excellent flavour. The skin is very thin, and the plants produced a really heavy crop in the greenhouse. It is said to be suitable for growing outdoors in Southern England.

The point about it is that nobody fancied a white cucumber, and so we did not feel bound to give away as normally happens. Thus we had a good supply of cucumbers right up to this week, and indeed we have had so many that we have made very tasty ratatouille with them.

Another unusually coloured vegetable is the Golden Beeroot; we grew it last year but failed to see any advantage over the red variety. Golden tomatoes I have often mentioned, and we are still enjoying the last of ours—we like the flavour, although some people complain that it is too sweet for them.

Now to the question of arches, pergolas, screens and the like. Plants are a great help here. We have not only the plastic-covered square-meshed panels, but plastic-covered wire arches which, while not particularly attractive in themselves, are stoutly made, long-lasting and soon hidden by whatever climber one chooses to ramble over it.

Solid cut and planed timber of course is ideal for pergolas, but is expensive today mainly because of the heavy purchases by the Japanese in the world's timber markets. If you live in the country, rustic larch poles may still be had reasonably, but nothing, it appears, will be cheap any more. One supplier not far from us has just doubled his price for rustic poles. So maybe for durability we should look carefully at metal and plastic covered wire trellis for screens and shady arbours.

If the object of a pergola or arbour with several sides and a roof is to provide shade, shelter from winds and privacy, obviously one wants a fairly quick growing climber. In many continental countries there is no problem—the vine is the obvious choice, and with luck you may get some grapes.

The variety Brandt is strong growing, and the leaves turn a fine red and purple colour in the autumn. The grapes are sweet enough, and some people say they are "aromatic"; others say the flavour is "foxy" having as one parent *Vitis labrusca* which has a definite musky or foxy flavour.

The *Vitis vinifera purpurea* has richly coloured purple leaves, but the fruits are not much use.

The most gorgeous foliage plant for a pergola is *Vitis cincinnata*. It has huge leaves, often a foot across, which turn a glorious crimson and scarlet at this time of year. It is of course a plant for a fairly large pergola but, if desired, it may be allowed to romp up into the tallest trees.

It is easy enough to plant a fast-growing climbing rose like Mermaid or Albertine to cover the pergola and cut it in day. Or the Clematis montana varieties are also good. *Poligonum baldschuanicum*, will provide dense shade and white flowers, and do it very quickly. If speed is essential, and massive covering is required, the climber *Conoclinium* is one of those to plant. They will, however, need attention fairly regularly to prevent the growths becoming a tangled thicket, and to keep the plant productive of flowers. The varieties, Rubens, rose pink, and Elizabeth, with slightly scented pink flowers, are both Award of Garden Merit plants, as indeed is the type plant *Clematis montana* itself. One other point in favour of *Clematis montana* is that it does not object to a north aspect.

There are, of course, many other fine clematis for arches and arbours, and several times this year I have been brought up short by the sheer beauty of the large white Marie Boisselot which flowers all summer—indeed, it is still in bloom. This is also a vigorous variety.

Fortunately the wistaria, probably the most beautiful of all plants for a pergola, is not fussy about soil. They like plenty of sun. The pink and white forms are attractive enough, but I still prefer a good form of the blue *wistaria Sinensis*.

The wistaria is really a versatile plant; it will ramble up through quite tall trees as one can see in the gardens of the Chateau Les Milandes which used to belong to Josephine Baker; it grows superbly over a pergola, trained flat against a wall, as a free-standing bush or as standard.

Less commonly grown but excellent for our purpose are *Campsis radicans* with long red and orange trumpet-shaped flowers, and *C grandiflora*, similar but not quite so hardy.

The reddish-purple flowers of *Akebia quinata* also have long, dark, purple fruits in autumn. The Chinese gooseberry, *Actinidia chinensis*, has creamy white flowers and edible fruits in autumn. Attractive in the autumn is *Celastrus orbiculatus* which has pale yellow leaves at this time, and an additional attraction are the seedpods which open to expose the scarlet seeds against a yellow lining. Try to obtain the hermaphrodite form. Honeysuckles, of course, mix well with other climbers, and *Lonicera halimifolia* is still in flower in my garden—it has been in bloom since July.

Although it was introduced as long ago as 1548 it is still not seen as often as it should be. The white flowers are strongly and sweetly scented, and borne all summer, from June to September.

Roy Hay

Food

Forgotten fruits

Quinces and medlars, are they our forgotten fruits? How rarely we see either these days. A country greengrocer may have quinces in October if he has a local source, for quince trees are usually found in old gardens.

A quince should be picked from the tree when the fruit turns yellow. Unsuitable for eating raw, quinces are good for all manner of recipes that range from jams and jellies to being mixed with other fruits. They have a delicious mild flavour and turn apples pink. They can be used in apple pie, crumble or compote, usually in the proportions of 1 lb quinces to 1 lb apples. Treat them like a hard cooking apple, they pulp down quite quickly.

Whereas a quince is as hard as wood when ready to use, medlars are soft and squishy. Medlars are an uncommon fruit and it is likely that you will only come by some through a friend. They are a curious looking fruit, rather like an overgrown rose hip with a very large calyx at the end. The time for picking them is the end of October and the beginning of November. For jams and jellies they should be hard and brown.

A jelly preserve made from quince goes a golden colour, whereas the same made from medlars turns a ruby red. Medlar jelly has a tangy flavour and is marvellous to use instead of reductant jelly, particularly with lamb. Both are more of a savoury meat, rather than a bread and butter, preserve. Quince jelly is nice with game or pork.

Quince or medlar jelly
Whereas quinces are best used on their own, the flavour of medlars is much improved if one whole lemon is cut up and added along with the fruit.

Makes 4-6lb
4lb quinces or medlars
4 pints of water
granulated sugar—see recipe

Wipe and cut up the fruit coarsely. Place in a saucepan along with the water. Simmer gently, covered with a lid, until the fruit is tender—takes about 1-1 1/2 hours. Squash the fruit as it becomes soft with a potato masher to extract all the juice and pectin.

Draw the pan off the heat and ladle the fruit and liquid into a scalded jelly bag. Allow to drip for several hours, but do not squeeze the bag or a cloudy jelly will result. With quinces you can make a second extraction by boiling up the pulp with a further 2 pints of water for 30 minutes. Strain through the jelly bag as before.

Measure all the juice back into the preserving pan and for every one pint of juice, add 1 1/2 granulated sugar. Stir over low heat to dissolve the sugar and then bring up to the boil. Skim and boil rapidly for a set—takes about 10 minutes. Ladle into pots, cover with waxed papers and seal when cold.

The quince in particular has a long history of use in cooking and recently white dumplings, research for a book called *Cooking and Eating* to be published next year, I came across a recipe in a 15th century cookery book called *Pers en composte*.

A fruit compote combining pears with quinces, flavoured with red wine and cinnamon. A lovely recipe, as good today as it was then.

Compote of pears and quinces
The finished dish has a rich red colour and a delicate flavour. An unusual dinner party dessert and one you can make the day before.

Serves 4-6
1lb cooking pears;
1lb quinces;
1/2 pint red wine;
1/2 lb sugar;
1 rounded teaspoon ground cinnamon;
1/2 lb eating dates;
pinch salt.

Peel, core and quarter the pears and quinces. Place in a saucepan and just cover with cold water. Bring to a simmer and cook until tender—about 5-10 minutes. Draw off the heat and strain.

Put the red wine in a saucepan and add the sugar and cinnamon. Heat gently until the sugar has dissolved but do not boil. Meanwhile slice the cooked pears and quinces and stone and cut up the dates into small strips. Add the pears, quinces and dates to the wine syrup and add the salt. Simmer gently for about five minutes and then draw off the heat. Serve the compote cold with lightly whipped cream.

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Chess

Renaissance of the war game

The game of chess, as it originated some time in the fifth century AD somewhere in North West India, was in essence a war game and, war being a much slower affair at that time, the moves of the pieces were correspondingly tardy. The pawns, which constituted the infantry, were in only one square at a time. The Bishops, which were originally elephants, could only move two squares at a time and the Kings were unable to castle. Most marked in its limitations was the Queen. This piece was in fact not a Queen at all, but an adviser to the King, somewhat later a vizier and hence a sort of combination of prime minister and chief of the civil service—and we all know how slowly these people move. It could move only one square, and that diagonally. It is interesting to observe that the pieces that have been comparatively unaffected by our superior modern methods of warfare, the Rook and the Knight, have retained the same move as when first invented. The Rooks were warships and provided the lanes were swept free, had the broad sweep of today. The Knights were cavalry and have likewise retained their steepchasing powers.

In order to speed up the game it had to come to Europe and once there, we Europeans, who have excelled all other continental collections of peoples in devising rapid ways of slaughter, have speeded the game up exceedingly. Pawns have been enabled to move two squares initially; Bishops have

vastly increased their scope; the King and Rook have been allowed to castle; most important of all, the Queen has become far and away the most far-reaching piece.

I believe that it was this dynamization of the game which rendered it more popular and, in the very literal sense of the word, more practised by the common people. It was, for many years in its earlier stages, a game played only by Kings and noblemen, a court game, and as such forbidden to ordinary folk.

Looking at the history of chess on a broad scale one could well view it as a continuous process of democratization over the centuries. Starting off as a game for Kings it became, in medieval times, also a pursuit of the upper classes, of the knights and also of religious dignitaries. In fact, in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries it was regarded as a necessary knightly accomplishment.

Then, with the Renaissance, it spread wider still and became a game for the learned professions and for what would now be termed nowadays middle classes. It was no accident that Italy became the dominant chess-playing country in the world in the next two centuries, since it was that country where the Renaissance had its earliest and greatest effect. The Moors may have brought chess to Spain and thereby provided one of the main sources for the inflow of chess to Europe; but, though they did make Spain a very important chess centre it was Italy that produced the best players of the game either originated or were perfected in Italy. From a game for the slow or measured thinker it became a game for the quick-witted and the elastic-minded individual. To the non-chess player a game of chess may still appear a slow and long-winded process. In reality it is the fastest of all games. Even the average player must use his wits with accurate speed over the chess-board, and this speed becomes accentuated a thousandfold to a dazzling degree where great players are involved. If you want to see real speed of thought then look at Fischer or Petrosian or Tal in action in a lightning tournament.

As befits a world champion Fischer is king of them all in lightning chess and I remember publishing an article in this series a little over two years ago in which I described how Bobby Fischer won a sort of unofficial speed championship of the world at Herceg Novi in Yugoslavia in 1970 with the extraordinary score of 19 out of a possible 22. He was 41 points ahead of the next player who happened to be Tal. Then came Korchnoi 14, Petrosian 13, Bronstein 13 etc. In that article I gave a good win against Marulovic and now I supplement it with a win over Bronstein on that occasion.

White: Bronstein. Black: Fischer Sicilian Defence.

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1 P-K4 P-K3
2 N-K3 P-B3
3 B-N2 P-K3
4 P-K3 P-B3
5 N-B3 P-K3
6 P-K3 P-B3
7 P-K3 P-B3
8 P-K3 P-B3
9 P-K3 P-B3

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After 5... P-K3, Black plays 5... P-Q3.

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6 N-K3 P-K3
7 P-K3 P-B3
8 P-K3 P-B3
9 P-K3 P-B3
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This leads to troubles owing to the backward pawn on K3; preferable seems 13... P-KK2.

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Hereabouts White loses his grip on the game; a good plan was 20... R-Q2, preparing to double Rooks on either central file.

A weak move to which Black could have replied 33... P-K4 with effect; correct was 33... K-P3 ch.

A mistake that costs a piece; but his position was by now very difficult indeed.

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The revived Stannary Parliament fights to establish its ancient right of independence

Why 24 Cornishmen are nailing their colours to the Magna Carta

"If a Cornishman begins to think he's a rebel" Stannator Alsop, a tall man with a dark, intense face leans forward over the empty coffee cups on the dining-room table of the Commercial Hotel to make his point, speaking above a buzz of conversation that has spanned from the Cornish defeat by Aethelstan at the Battle of Hingston Down in AD 936 to the Scottish Nationalist victories at the poll (announced the previous day).

The soft yet throaty burr of Cornish voices throbs agreement. Stannator Hambley, Lord Protector of Cornwall and Speaker of the Cornish Stannary Parliament, draws a parallel with the Irish problem—but points out that, independent and liberal-minded as it is, Cornwall is still conservative with a small "c". They discuss how far the apparent success of the Cornish in the state of their homeland may be due to apathy and respect for the establishment and the opinions of "strangers" (ie the English), or the more generalized psychology of a subject race. They consider how many "Cousin Jacks" like their cousin-Celt Mick and Jack, have gone to seek better fortune in far countries.

Since the beginning of this year, this group of earnest men has been meeting together to work out how to reawaken Cornwall to a sense of its lost identity. It is, they say, the oldest nation in Britain and

they are not just the "sons of kings" ("everyone is in Cornwall—that's why you find so many Bastards in the telephone book") but the inheritors and representatives of a popular democratic governing system older than either the English sovereign or the English Parliament. They acknowledge the Cornish loyalty, but with reservations, and the second not at all.

On May 20 this year they revived at Lostwithiel, one of the four ancient tin-mining centres of Cornwall, the Stannary Parliament. This body's jurisdiction over all Cornwall is thought to date back with the mining of tin itself to pre-historic Celtic antiquity and bears a distinct resemblance to the Tynwald of Isle of Man Parliament, from which the new Stannators are making a number of cues.

The Cornish Stannary Parliament is, however, different in one significant respect: it does not have to fight to establish the validity of its existence. It owes its authority to royal charters going back an 1201 and primarily to the Charter of Pardon purchased from Henry VII by the Cornish in 1508 for the sum of £1,000—which in effect states that it cannot be repealed or altered except with the consent of the Cornish themselves.

The wording of this Charter, as quoted by Professor R. R. Pennington in a book on Stannary law published last year, states: "that no statutes, acts, ordinances... or proclamations shall take effect in the said county or elsewhere in the

prejudice or exonerati of the said tinners, bouders, possessors of tinworks... proprietors of blowing houses... buyers of black or white tin or dealers in white tin or the heirs or successors of any of them, unless there has previously been convened twenty-four good and lawful men of the four stannaries of the county of Cornwall...; so that no statutes, ordinances... or proclamations to be made in future by us, our heirs and successors... except with the consent of the said twenty-four men... so elected and appointed..."

And although it had not met for over 220 years, the Parliament was, according to Pennington, still legal, albeit "only a tenuous shadow". However, that was over 12 months ago and since then the shadow has taken on more substance: "twenty-four good and lawful men" are once again taking this law into their own hands—even to the extent of threatening to serve a writ of mandamus on Prince Charles as hereditary Duke of Cornwall should the Queen refuse the right of Cornwall to be a self-governing nation as she was in the past", in the words of the Lord Protector.

The demand is very simple and on the face of it not particularly contentious. Before the Parliament's first Convocation, or full meeting, last May, the miners had formally requested the presence of the Lord Warden of the Duchy, Earl Waldegrave, to open proceedings according to custom. The Duchy office hedged and has continued to do so; the

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implication is that without this formality the assembly is illegal. Nor so, however, the Stannators wretchedly with numerous references to documents on constitutional history: the English Parliament is equally supposed to be opened by the hereditary Lord High Steward of England, an office which has been suppressed. Does this not make the legality of Westminster equally questionable? And they repeat that not only does their Charter explicitly state that all acts, ordinances must be passed by themselves, they are also

restored the Cornish flag of St Piran (sable a cross argent), technically illegal yet curiously not being flying on several Cornish ships, churches and secular buildings; claimed all mineral rights—including oil and natural gas—in Cornwall, technically held by the Duchy; demanded a levy for Cornwall of 1 per cent per ton on all mining and quarrying operations and a surcharge amounting to 150 per cent on holiday homes ("an offence to our sensibilities"); and "agreed, constituted and ordained", the traditional formula indicating an act of Stannary Parliament; that the reorganized local authorities should revert to their original form—in other words, a declaration of non-recognition of local government jurisdiction.

This final demand has led to an even bolder one. Article II given its second reading at the September 16 meeting declares: "All taxes collected within the territorial limits, as defined by this Parliament, June, 1974, will henceforth be retained within Cornwall, in their entirety, and no percentage shall be released to the Imperial Parliaments, without the approval and consent of both Houses of the Stannary Parliament once in Session." This last reference is to the Stannators' intention to set up a democratically elected lower chamber; they also announced initial proposals for economic aid to farming, fishing and mining in Cornwall as well as abolishing death duties as contrary to the first Statute of Westminster of 1272.

These proposals strike much near the heart of Cornwall's disaffection than academic fustian with legends and heraldry. Devolutionary fervour owes perhaps no more to nationalist idealism than to the fact that Cornwall, according to a report last year by the EEC (to which Stannary Parliament does not consider that Cornwall belongs), is one of the most depressed areas in the United Kingdom. To quote Stannator Nicholls: "There's £90m in taxes goes out each year. We've had our lifeblood drained and been given Gonville tracking station and Nancleuke laboratory in exchange."

To the canny Cornish tourism is a fly-by-night, exploitive and indeed un-Cornish activity. "However much money tourism brings in to Cornwall, you must remember that it comes in on one train and goes out on the next," says Stannator Hambley. "I would go so far as to say that 80 per cent of the tourist industry in Cornwall is either owned by, or is considerably influenced by, the tourists." Tourism is a luxury and you're relying on something rather nebulous. What we require is more basic industry, not one in which people are employed four months a year and dismissed for the rest of the year. "I think that the old saying 'Jack's as good as his master' is of Cornish origin—and the more recent one 'we are all masters now' is still a untrue, for some old democracies as for some new."

But the Stannators' motive are not merely mercenary and more than they mirror the aggressive romanticism of Meibion Kernow; they have been party representation in their Parliament and their brand of politics is possibly a lead that the Anglo-Saxons cannot readily comprehend. Trull declares that "the Queen's writ does not run in Cornwall" yet in the next breath explains: "We are defending the institution of the Crown for the people. The law has been subverted. Some of the most ancient laws of Britain have been taken away from the people by the original Parliament, and not restored by English party politics."

If the Queen does not today accede to the Stannary Parliament's petition for recognition of its ancient liberties, powers and franchises, the next step will be seizure of the Crown lands and properties under Section 61 c. Magna Carta. Both Her Majesty and the United Nations, whose recognition has been requested, have been reminded that the old saying: "Jack's as good as his master" is of Cornish origin—and the more recent one "we are all masters now" is still a untrue, for some old democracies as for some new."

Susanne Puddefoot

Defining what is meant by decent business behaviour

What is meant by the "social responsibilities of industry"? It is frequently said that companies ought not merely to serve the interests of their shareholders. They have, this argument goes, wider responsibilities to promote the social good, or at least not bring about social evils, particularly in such areas as pollution, conservation, the quality of goods, and conditions of work.

They should recognize responsibilities to society at large: to the local community, to their consumers, to their workers, to their suppliers, and may be (though this is less often said), to their competitors.

Many businessmen accept in principle that they have some responsibilities of this sort. But it is not so easy to define what the wider responsibilities are. Consequently it is not so easy to measure how far a company is discharging them. Increased attention to the idea has not been accompanied by greater clarity about its meaning. There is no generally agreed framework for studying or measuring social responsibilities or the social performance of companies.

At meetings held earlier this year between businessmen, economists and other social scientists, it became clear that the first step must be to examine the underlying concepts more clearly, so as to get definite established, and work out precisely what is being talked about.

The Social Science Research Council has therefore asked Mr Charles Carter, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Lancaster and a leading partic-

ipant in earlier discussions, to chair a small committee of social scientists to define terms. The committee will examine how far the issues concerned are amenable to research; how far they are already clear enough without further research even if they are not generally understood; and how far they resolve into questions of ethics on which empirical research can say little or nothing.

The findings of Mr Carter's committee will probably be available in about six months. Meanwhile the framework for discussion may perhaps be defined thus: in the traditional economic model, there are two agents for regulating companies: the market, and the government. At one extreme there is uncontrolled laissez faire, at the other extreme communism and in the middle the usual kind of controlled private enterprise system.

The "social responsibility" idea proposes a third regulator—the notion of social duty. The issues then are first, what should be the relative powers of the three regulators, and secondly, what do the social duties consist of, and how are they determined.

Economists tend to be hostile to the whole idea. They feel that it too often arises from a failure to understand the old doctrine that the pursuit of private profit leads to public good rather than from a reasoned rejection of it.

I have witnessed paradoxical encounters between progressive businessmen concerned to have their social responsibilities defined, and left-wing economists urging them to

forget about that and get on with making money. Left-wing economists distrust managerial notions of the public good even more than they distrust the market.

In those areas—large ones no doubt—where the profit motive does not work properly, economists recommend government regulation or else taxes or subsidies. However the government is not an ideal agency for repairing the defects of the market. Political processes are imperfect. Government is overloaded. It lacks local knowledge. Legal enforcement is often difficult.

So why not shift some of the burden from government and rely on business to behave in a decent manner? This is likely to happen anyway to some extent. Managers cannot easily adopt total defiance of moral standards in business dealings and in their private lives. Unfortunately it is not self-evident what decent behaviour means in the business context. Nor is it clear whose job it should be to define it in practice.

The aim of the SSRC panel will be to define terms, to examine fields in which practical research might be conducted, and to try to throw some light on a debate that is concerning many business and political leaders, as well as the public.

Robin Matthews

Robin Matthews is chairman of the Social Science Research Council and Drummond Professor of Economics at All Souls' College, Oxford.

"We are a democratic socialist party and our objective is to bring about a fundamental and irreversible shift in the balance of wealth and power in favour of working people and their families."

That declaration, from Labour's election manifesto, represents the essence of the Government's most deep-seated intentions for the new Parliament. That sentiment will inform the programme of legislation for the first session, which we shall hear in the Queen's Speech on Tuesday. It will inform Mr Healey's second Budget next month. It will inform every domestic act of Mr Wilson's fourth administration.

In practice, however, it is unlikely to prove as sweeping or far-reaching as the words themselves imply.

To suggest this is not to cast doubt on Labour's convictions, honestly held and honestly proclaimed, nor to misunderstand the party's aims and aspirations, but simply to recognize that the dangerous economic conditions in which Mr Wilson and his ministers are obliged to govern must to some degree reduce their freedom of action.

Mr Wilson is not by nature imprudent or reckless, but rather the reverse, and may be expected to move with caution. With so small an overall majority he should be able to resist the more extreme pressures from the left. Indeed he has no choice if he is to restore public (not least business) confidence.

George Hutchinson

Moderation in all things is Mr Wilson's message

What is his Government going to do at the outset, by way of achieving that "fundamental and irreversible shift in the balance of wealth and power"?

First, it will not doubt set in train (though it may not rush) the legislation needed to acquire the shipbuilding, marine engineering, aircraft industries, all destined for nationalization, while establishing public control over North Sea oil and taking development land into "common ownership". It will also introduce a National Enterprise Board "to extend public ownership into profitable manufacturing industry by acquisitions, partly or wholly, of individual firms."

But unless one misreads the signs the activities of the NEB (as it will be known before long) seem unlikely to be as alarming as many in the business community have feared.

The Chancellor, with the Prime Minister's backing, has the capacity to subdue Mr Benn's more extravagant and fanciful ambitions. He probably has the will as well.

Mr Healey is already adopting, and receiving credit for adopting, a more conciliatory and understanding tone towards industry and the financial institutions. I have been speaking to several bankers during the week and detect a slightly better spirit among them. They all appear rather more hopeful than of late, in spite of the troubles that continue to afflict the City.

It is reasonable to think that by avoiding oppressive or confiscatory measures the Government could readily gain ample

cooperation and support from the business world, existing schemes of nationalization notwithstanding. There are intonations that this is what Mr Wilson and Mr Healey wish to achieve, though in a private sector that will presently be diminished by the transfer of those industries already selected for public ownership.

Unless this interpretation is correct, we are in for a prolonged period of commercial dislocation and turmoil of social unrest and political strain. Mr Wilson and Mr Healey know that they are neither insensitive nor uninformed. Their instincts will be towards moderation.

Mr Wilson is not a malicious man, but he is a political realist, so he may be allowed and forgiven a keen sense of pleasure, not to say amusement, as he looks on at the Conserva-

tive Party in the wake of its defeat. But for Mr Benn's own judgment, Mr Wilson might be enjoying even greater satisfaction.

If Mr Healey had listened to some of his companions on election night (they were reputedly overcome by solidarity for his own well-being rather than hard-headed political calculation—which in a way does them credit) he would have announced his resignation next morning. Fortunately for himself and the party, he preferred to be guided by his own instincts.

No conceivable advantage could have resulted from the instant resignation which his rather dim well-wishers were pressing on him. Quite the reverse. It would simply have led to a premature, unseemly, helter-skelter rush to replace him, damaging the party's reputation and probably producing the wrong successor.

By his own decision, and the party's response to it, Mr Healey has contrived a breathing space, an interval for reflection, if he is on trial in the minds of Conservative MPs, with whom the outcome lies, so are Mr Whitelaw and Sir Keith Joseph, who would be candidates for the leadership.

Each has his admirers. So has the incumbent leader.

But there are two potential runners who have yet to approach the course—if indeed the race is called.

One is Mr Enoch Powell, now restored to Westminster as an Ulster Unionist. It is not extravagant to think that Mr Powell, the most ingenious of parliamentarians, may be able to devise some way of making himself eligible as a

candidate—I say "eligible" as a technical sense. If Mr Powell could overcome the practical and theoretical objections he would undoubtedly prove a strong entrant, much fancied in the country in spite of recent mishaps.

The other is Sir Christopher Soames, who has come to Brussels as an EEC Commissioner. Sir Christopher's essential European work, as he probably sees it himself, may be over by the New Year. He could then return to England—in the hope of returning to the House of Commons. From all the signs he would still be in time: it is unlikely that there will be an election for the Conservative leadership within the next few months.

Both Mr Powell and Sir Christopher have the law of the land reason to thank Mr Healey. Mr Healey has saved himself from the time being. More than that, he has saved the Tory Party from an unnecessary display of venom, rancour and recrimination. And he has probably opened up the way to a place for two others deserving to have a place in the race should that eventually be run.

Among outsiders, I have not mentioned Mr du Cann. He is not so much an outsider, so it is not surprising that he should speak to command himself in the House of Commons. His behaviour last week at his trial in the 1922 Committee, he has finally compromised himself in many eyes.

But there is another and a third, to whom I will return on Saturday as the Tory story unfolds.

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Let us turn first to that mainstay of games, football, as it is played under the laws we have come to associate with Rugby School. Well may it be called rugby, for this year all four officers of the Union are alumni of that place.

At a result of an extra general meeting of the Union last March, some slight changes in the laws and bye-laws have been made. Last season, a goal was claimed on an occasion when a ball bounced on the ground, over the crossbar, and it appeared that such a claim, though unusual, could not legally be gainsaid. The law has now been brought into conformity with custom. It has also been laid down that no man may be offside in his own goal. The proposal that there should be a free kick given as a penalty for offside play was, however, defeated. Many with long experience of the game will be glad that no such drastic action was taken, for such a penalty would have deliberately sought an unfair advantage,

and we are persuaded that few young men desirous of playing football, especially of the rugby variety, would so demean themselves. If such there be, it is not conceivable that they would be chosen on a second occasion by any members club of the Union.

There were 81 such clubs, last season. In the present season it is believed, when all subscriptions have been received, there will be more than 110 affiliated clubs, more than 20 of them in the north, where there has been some reluctance to associate with a body administered from so distant a headquarters as the capital. This increase is the more remarkable in that most of the Scottish and Irish members have ceased to subscribe, in consequence of their having, or being about to have, Unions of their own.

The match between North and South is henceforth to be placed on a regular basis, and to be played in alternate years in London and the North. The contest against Scotland, now in its fourth year, will be renewed at the Oval in February. Englishmen are confident that after last year's drawn match at Park, the enemy will be repulsed, though we trust there will be no repetition of the unseemly occurrences after that match, when, oppressed as doubt by the wind of the country, an English forward was observed driving one of Her Majesty's mail carts to the railway station.

An international match will also be played, it is hoped, against Ireland. There is a proposal well supported, that an Irish Rugby Football Union should be formed, and we look forward to a visit from their representatives. We understand that some slight difficulties have arisen between the players of Dublin and Belfast over the constitution of the new organization, but these surely will be overcome through the good offices of such pillars of Irish society as

I say chaps, this goff has a great future

Sportsview

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The legendary W. G. Grace at the wicket.

His Grace the Lord Lieutenant, and Sir Arthur Guinness, Bart., M.P. May it be that the growth of the Union game in Ireland will provide a link between the Motherland and the local inhabitants which shall help to repair the gap wondrously caused by the Act for the Disestablishment of the Irish Church. The Irish have hitherto been devoted to their own form of football.

When we turn to Association football, we again see a vista of enthusiastic progress. The notion of a cup competition was swiftly to appeal. After those two initial wins by Wanderers, the honours were

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CLASS AND THE BIRTHRATE

The repercussions of Sir Keith Joseph's speech a week ago continue, not shedding much light except on the universal disposition to hear what one wants to hear...

people in this kind of need, but it is natural to suppose that such people do cluster in them. In the same way not every teenage mother, illegitimate birth or divorce involve deprivation...

that over the past ten years the rate of all births in classes four and five has not risen (if it had done so it might have indicated a failure to make full use of birth control) but has actually declined faster than that of the population as a whole...

Reactions to Sir Keith Joseph's speech: the moral dilemma of our age

From Mr David Shelley Nicholl Sir, No doubt, Sir Keith Joseph is right to admit frankly what a hostage to headline-hunting fortune he is...

From Mr Raymond Blackburn Sir, Mrs Mary Whitehouse denounced in The Times of October 21 the example of Lord Longford that they cash in on permissiveness...

From Mr Leo Abse, Labour MP for Pontypool Sir, Sir Keith Joseph returns in his letter to you (October 22), to his theme of the cycle of deprivation, and once more laments the behaviour of unmarried adolescents...

From Dom Bennet Innes Sir, Amid all the heat (and misrepresentation) engendered by Sir Keith Joseph's speech, much light is thrown on the problem by the Finer Report on One Parent Families published in July by HMSO...

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN CLUBS

The House of Lords decision in the Preston working men's club colour bar case was unfortunate because it appeared to give to racialism the approval of the law. This was not the fault of the five Law Lords, whose job it was to interpret the Race Relations Act...

rington, was a member of a working men's club in Preston, and, by virtue of that membership, was also an associate member of a large number of linked clubs...

of members drawn from a national group, profession, or having an identifiable, common interest, and the club which is either, in effect, open to all, or which claims to be in the common interest category but in fact discriminates on grounds of colour...

Case for a Welsh Parliament

From Mr Gwynfor Evans, Plaid Cymru MP for Carmarthen Sir, Now that the new Government has shown its determination to move quickly towards decentralization of power in Scotland, Wales parity with Scotland in a common pattern...

The Welsh nation is one of the oldest in Europe; its early surviving literature which comes from the sixth century had even then an elegance which indicates far greater antiquity than the amazing period following the departure of the Romans...

The needs and urgent problems of Wales demand a Parliament as they do in Scotland. The national wealth of Wales is as great. The people want one, as shown by the commitment of the three of the five political parties...

Help for the arts

From Sir John Llewellyn, FRS (NZ) Sir, In his comments on the Royal Shakespeare Company's annual report (The Times, October 23) Sir George Farnham as chairman of the Governors refers to the importance of public sustenance for the arts...

SAFETY OF NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS

The discovery of cracks in the cooling recycling system of two General Electric designed nuclear reactors built in Japan is disturbing. The faults are similar to those found in three reactors in the United States; as a result of these problems twenty-one of the fifty nuclear reactors producing electric power on a commercial basis in the United States have been ordered to shut down before the end of the year...

power, who are so well organized and knowledgeable in the United States, will undoubtedly use the new problems to back the case they make for abandoning atom power until it can be demonstrated that controlled nuclear fission can take place with absolutely no danger to the public...

a commercial basis. Reactor builders must be encouraged to continue research development and refinement of systems until faults such as cracks in pipes and worries over safety are eliminated. Perhaps one grain of comfort can be gleaned from the latest discovery of cracks in the General Electric reactors. The stringent safety and maintenance checks, designed to show up just this kind of fault, are apparently working...

Naming names

From Mr Robert Perceval Sir, I am stimulated by the views on the Paul Foot case which your great legal pundit Bernard Levin has published into raising another question which the Phillimore Committee might possibly consider for statutory resolution...

Now it is very rare for the Law Lords to exclude the public from their hearings, whether in the House or the Appellate Committee. If Paul Foot had been present at the hearing of a case of this kind, and had published the names, what would the Law Lords have done? The law laid down in the case of Wason v Walter (yes, Sir, your Mr Walter) seems to guarantee to a newspaper the right to publish, with names, anything done in Parliament and the Law Lords, as they proclaim every time they give judgment, are in the "High Court of Parliament"...

Of course I do not presume to differ from the Lord Chief Justice and his colleagues on the law as it applies to the High Court; but if the law of Parliament applies to the Law Lords, and I believe it does, then they are in a different position. For if one thing is clear from our history, it is that neither House of Parliament can make up its privileges as it sees alone...

Miss Brown's baby

From Mr Chaim Raphael Sir, The Times had an engaging picture today of a very handsome and happy-looking couple with a caption telling us that they were "Miss George Brown, the singer, and Mr Gareth Wigan, a film producer, after their marriage at Kensington register office yesterday". In two other papers that I happened to see, The Daily Telegraph and the Daily Mirror, the picture signifying this happy event included a delightful little boy and a caption telling us that he was their son, four years old, and that Miss Brown, after averring, as an ardent supporter of Women's Lib, that she would never marry Mr Gareth, to whom she had been close for 10 years, had finally changed her mind, believing now that they knew how to remain individual, though married. I find this additional information good reporting—good fun, heartwarming and socially significant. Is it thought to be too naughty for The Times readers? And incidentally, why is Miss Brown "the singer", while Mr Wigan is only "a film producer"? I ask as an ardent supporter of Mrs's Lib. Yours faithfully, CHAIM RAPHAEL, 27 Langdale Road, Hove, October 22.

Election night TV

From the Bishop of Manchester Sir, May I say how warmly I agree with Mr Bernard Levin about the election night bonanza on television? I thought it was exhausting and exasperating—a perfect example of elephantiasis of the medium. Next time, could we please have not more than two or three commentators per channel; time to study the actual results, preferably in silence; and above all, a moratorium on interviews with the unfortunate party leaders? If they are winning, we shall have plenty of time to see and hear them during the next few years; if they are losing, it would be much more charitable to allow them to go to bed, rather than subjecting them to night and day in the studio. Yours faithfully, PATRICK MANCHESTER, Bishops Court, Bury New Road, Manchester, October 15.

Children's income tax

From Mr J. H. Gracey Sir, The letter from Mr N. S. Bulmer (October 23) suggests that the income received by thalidomide children will, under the Government's proposals about the aggregation of children's investment income, be taxed as their parents' income. This is not so. The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced on May 9 (Hansard May 9, col 603) that the aggregation provisions would not apply to income derived from damages in respect of personal injury to a child or income paid by a charity in respect of such an injury. The new legislation will in this respect follow the previous legislation on aggregation and will not apply to income derived by the thalidomide children from their damages or from the charitable trust fund. Yours faithfully, J. H. GRACEY, Boardroom, Inland Revenue, Somerset House, WC2.

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SPORT

Tennis
Fighting recovery by Miss Barker in face of defeat

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Britain achieved a 3-0 lead over the United States...



Miss Barker: an astonishing counter-attack.

On this score Miss Coles was decidedly the more impressive, particularly as she had to recover from the disconcerting loss of the first set...

Golf
Oosterhuis takes lead in ideal weather

From Dudley Doust
Estepona, Oct 25
The second round of the El Parnito Open was held in ideal weather...

Horse trials
Miss Lumb holds on to her lead

From a Special Correspondent
Boeklo, Netherlands, Oct 25
Susanne Lumb, on Watering, just held on to her lead at the Dutch national championships...

Football

Dust thrown in Revie's machine

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent
With only a handful of days left to his first match as England's team manager...

Results yesterday

Third division
Southend 1-0 Hereford
Fourth division
Southport 1-2 Stockport

US women are ten strokes in lead

La Romana, Dominican Republic, Oct 25
The United States team continues to clinch victory in the women's world amateur championship...

Bloodstock sales
Hotfoot yearling fetches 4,500 guineas

After a moderate morning, the evening session of the Doncaster Great Annual October sales...

Rugby Union
Harlequins recall Wrench after five years absence

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
Harlequins, who already have announced the recall of Biller from the darkest confines of their third XV...

Hockey
Southern title could hinge on match at Southgate

By Sydney Friskin
The county hockey championship, sponsored by Benson and Hedges...

Boxing
Ghanaian could be third man in the ring

on Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent
The weighing-in ceremony for the world championship bout between Ali and Frazier...

Miss Korbut beaten

Varna, Bulgaria, Oct 25
Ludmila Turichava, of the Soviet Union, retained her women's title at the world gymnastics championship...

Weekend fixtures

- First division
Arsenal v West Ham
Barnley v Everton
Chelsea v Stoke

Rugby Union

- County Championship
Cheshire v Lancashire
Cornwall v Devon
Durham City 2-0

Velazquez, Mexican president of the World Boxing Council, argues for neutral officials...

stronger. But it's still extremely unpredictable. You can be very impressed by George in training...

Lacrosse

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE
First division: Bournemouth v Cambridge
Second division: Bournemouth v Cambridge

Television highlights

- BBC 1
Football: Preview (12.35)
Boxing: Knight v Molloy
BBC 2
Rugby Union: Hull KR v Wakefield

Racing

Green Dancer is main threat to No Alimony Last chance for English horses

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

Not unlike the conjuror with his rabbits from a hat, Peter Walwyn has been producing good two-year-olds out of his stable with great regularity this season, and particularly so this autumn. Following Grundy's fine win in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket eight days ago, and Corby's resolute effort on Thursday at Newbury, where he won the Horris Hill Stakes, Walwyn and his young riding star, Patrick Eddery, can now be finishing touches to an unforgotten season. Walwyn, the Observer Gold Cup at Doncaster this afternoon with No Alimony.

ric'd his stable irrepressibly forward this season. Grundy, who is not a true reflection of his chance, but I think he is capable of winning all the same. Whip It Quick, Strike Lucky, Sea Break and Green Dancer could all turn out to be more dangerous than Phoenix Hall, Lester Piggett's mount. Whip It Quick's form fits in with the best, but so does that of No Alimony. Whip It Quick has a stayer's pedigree and the speed to win over five furlongs at Goodwood in May and the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot a month later. In the Champagne Stakes, Whip It Quick finished only three quarters of a length behind Grundy, but the margins bore no relation to Grundy's superiority. Both runs on the day since then, encouraging one to believe that their form is the best of any of the two-year-old colts in the country. The hopes of West Helyar are entrusted today to Strike Lucky, a stable companion of Bold Pirate and owned, like that filly, by the late Mrs. Helyar and Sir Arnold Weinstock. They have never concealed their liking for this colt, by Mill Reef's sire, Newby Bend, the wave of success that has car-

half a length by Karad in the Prix Hero, his form does not look nearly so good as that boasted by Green Dancer, who was alleged to have been unlucky not to beat Mariacci in the Prix des Chenes at Longchamps. Mariacci has won the Grand Critérium in the meantime. This is clearly the best French form and obviously Green Dancer will be the fly in the ointment this afternoon. Hopefully, No Alimony will show him the way home. On what we know Anna's Pretender, Felstout, Great Brother, and Rankborough should not be good enough. A short list for the Manchester Handicap must surely include the bottom-weight and favourite, Grity Palace, who has come good this autumn and Riboson, who ran the race of his life at Doncaster on the St Leger in which he finished third, acting all the while as Bustino's pacemaker. I think the list should also include William Pitt, who was backed to win this race at Doncaster on television. Pendil, arguably the best steeplechaser in the country makes his first appearance since he was brought down in the Cheltenham Gold Cup in March, in the Heritage Steeplechase. Apparently a sure sign that Pendil is in the pink of health and ready to go, when he tries to bite his old ally Richard Pitman. He did that earlier this week and over only two miles and it is half the odds on the favourite, outpacing Celtic Spirit, Kilgivan, and Credo's Daughter.

From Pierre Guillot French Racing Correspondent Paris, Oct 25 With the one big exception of Highclere, who won the Prix de Diane, English-trained horses have had a poor season in France. Sunday's card at Longchamps offers the English challengers almost their last opportunity to improve the situation. A total of six horses represent England in the three pattern races. Habor, Ficcari, Talk of the Town and Candies in the Prix de la Forêt, Paris Review in the Prix du Petit Couvert, and Proverb in the Prix Gladateur. Karad has run since finishing second in the Sussex Stakes, to Ace of Aces, a runner in the Prix de la Forêt. Habor is in top form at the moment and is reported to have worked hard for the Prix du Petit Couvert. Karad does not find his form ill last month when he won the Prix du Capri corse over this course and distance at Chateaufort. Karad is improving steadily and has won his last four races. Last time out he gave 3 lb and a half length to Grity Palace's Doncaster challenge. Karad is improving steadily and has won his last four races. Last time out he gave 3 lb and a half length to Grity Palace's Doncaster challenge. Karad is improving steadily and has won his last four races. Last time out he gave 3 lb and a half length to Grity Palace's Doncaster challenge.

Newbury programme

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Perth NH programme

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Stratford-on-Avon NH

Table listing race details for Stratford-on-Avon NH, including 130 Armscote Steeplechase and 250 Oso Trophy Hurdle.

Main races tomorrow at Longchamps

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THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS

Keith Cardale, Groves & Co. Chartered Surveyors

GKN Transmissions at the Motor Show on Stands 301-6

Citibank cuts prime rate to 11pc as America narrows the trade gap

From Frank Vogl Washington, Oct 25 First National City Bank, often the trend-setter on interest rates, today cut its prime lending rate to 11 per cent from 11 1/2 per cent.

hard data to support the widespread view that the Fed is relaxing its tough restraints on the growth of money supply. The New York Federal Reserve announced that the nation's money supply in the week to October 16 rose to \$284,000m (just over £121,000m) from \$281,000m—the second largest weekly rise this year, after the \$3,400m increase in the first week of March.

Panel tells company to enfranchise all shares

By Christopher Wilkins The Takeover Panel yesterday instructed Land & General Developments, the property company controlled by the former model Miss Penny Brahms, to take steps to enfranchise its non-voting shares.

British Airways considers Fokker as alternative to fill HS146 role

By Maurice Corina Industrial Editor British Airways may have to buy a Dutch-German aircraft in the event of a timetable allowed for production to begin by 1976.



Mr Henry Marking, British Airways chairman: Loss may be trimmed.

UN forecast of cheaper fertilizers in year ahead

Rome, Oct 25—A fertilizer expert says the present shortage of supplies should ease in the next year, with a resultant fall in today's high prices.

Midland Bank in Fed link-up

From Our US Economics Correspondent Washington, Oct 25 European-American Bank and Trust Co., an American subsidiary of a European consortium which includes the Midland Bank, has become a member of the Federal Reserve System.

German trade surplus gets unexpected boost

Wiesbaden, Oct 25.—West Germany had a trade surplus of DM4,730m (about £788m) in September, compared with a surplus of DM3,155m in August and a surplus of DM3,781m in September 1973, the Federal Statistics Office reported today.

Panel accepts that 1970 are not binding, but it argues that there is a strong moral obligation upon Land & General and Napet to enfranchise the shares.

The Panel will now be under strong pressure to accept the Panel's ruling that the company's executive would refer the matter to the full Panel, which would almost certainly reinforce the executive's view.

Hawker unions win a reprieve

By Raymond Perman Labour Staff Hawker-Siddeley has deferred for four weeks its decision to stop work on the HS146 airliner. Unions will now seek to persuade the Government to increase its aid commitment for the project.

CEGB fear of heavier fuel costs

By Our Energy Correspondent A new and powerful voice spoke up yesterday in favour of motorists carrying the full burden of increased crude oil costs through a 10p a gallon rise in petrol prices.

Further pressure on gilt-edged stocks

Gilt-edged stocks suffered further selling pressure in London yesterday, on continuing doubts regarding the prospects for rising inflation. But a fresh sea in London bullion prices bought buyers into the gold market again.

EEC ministers to consider new employment laws

From Ronald Kershaw Northern Industrial Correspondent New European laws to safeguard employees and act as a counterweight to the formidable growth of multinational corporations will be considered by the EEC Council of Ministers at its next meeting later this year.

American Brands bids £23.3m for rest of Gallaher

American Brands, which already owns 80 per cent of Gallaher, one of the major United Kingdom tobacco groups, is bidding £23.3m to buy up the remaining shares.

N Sea accident likely to delay Frigg gas

By Roger Vielvoye An unpremeditated accident during the positioning of a 6,500-ton offshore drilling platform is likely to add to delays in the Frigg gas field in the North Sea.

Shipyard peace moves again end in deadlock

By R. W. Shakespeare Fresh moves to try to settle one of the pay disputes that have closed two major shipyards and between them made some 11,500 workers idle, ended in deadlock yesterday.

Rise for drivers

A thousand striking lorry drivers, meeting in London yesterday, accepted a £12 a week pay raise giving them £40 for a four week—a deal which met their claim.

How the markets moved

Table with columns for Rises, Falls, and various stock prices like Beecham Grp, Blythwood, etc.

The Times index: 77.53 - 0.08 FT index: 198.6 - 0.8

THE POUND

Table with columns for Bank buys, Bank sells, and various currency rates like Australia \$, Austria Sch, etc.

Vauxhall pay offer accepted on shop floor

By Our Northern Industrial Correspondent Vauxhall Motors interim pay settlement, which will give its 35,000 workers wage increases of £5.20 a week immediately, appears to have been widely accepted on the shop floor.

Australia investment quest

From Herbert Michael Melbourne, Oct 25 Dr Jim Cairns, deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Overseas Trade, will fly to the United States and the Middle East in two weeks in an effort to attract investment money to Australia.

Plant rerieved

The best furnace and coke plant at Ford's Dagenham factory, which were to have been closed next year, have been given a reprieve and the jobs of 410 workers have been saved.

On other pages

Commodities: Sugar rose to 10 7/8, at \$25m to \$30m the newspaper said.

Is your portfolio worth more now than in July 1970?

Brown Shipley Unit Fund Since the Brown Shipley Unit Fund was launched in July 1970, the income units have risen by 7% compared with a fall in the F.T. All-Share Index of 39% for the same period (to 7 October 1974).

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

The decision by Barclays Bank to offer a cheque guarantee service was a long awaited improvement, prompted by growing demand from customers.

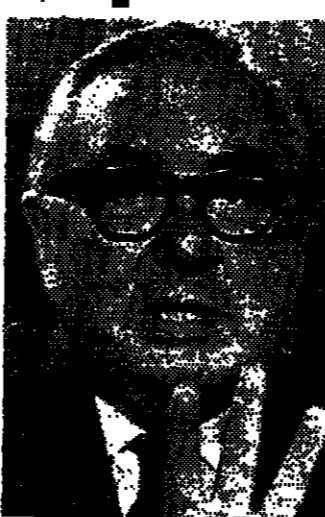
The option to hold a card, which gives the convenience of multi-branch cash drawers facilities and a cheque guarantee service, without the necessity to hold a credit card.

Law

New lease for cut price conveyancing

The intervention of a heavily-financed United States-style title guarantee company into the traditional, staid, conveyancing market, at present the almost total prerogative of the solicitors' profession, could have consequences significantly affecting the entire procedure governing house purchase in Britain.

Based on the United States practice, its method involves the company in carrying out the relevant searches for the title of the property being bought, then issuing a guarantee that what it has found is a valid title free from defects.



Lord George Brown: chairman of Stewart Title UK.

and, for registered, £29. The respective figures for £20,000 are £40 and £65. There is a £1 joining fee and a £2 postage and miscellaneous charge.

carry an indemnity policy, but says that there are ample funds to meet any claims against it. So far, in two years, there have been none.

Round-up

Insurance industry to the rescue

After a week of worry 80,000 policyholders in London Indemnity and General Insurance will be relieved to know that the tentative proposals to mount a rescue operation for the company, which is technically insolvent, have acquired substance.

Taxation: Readers ask

Deductions for working abroad

Some weeks ago I wrote about the sweeping changes affecting foreign employments and pensions and this has given rise to a number of inquiries from readers.

basis ceases to apply and one half of his earnings are chargeable to United Kingdom tax; in other words, he is allowed a deduction of 50 per cent.

Talking shop

A bicycle for Christmas?

Bicycles are always popular as Christmas presents. At selling prices of between £30 and £40 many families would be placing their orders and arranging credit terms well in advance anyway.



To buy a new bicycle most people will deal through a specialist shop, of which there are a surprising number still in business.

Halford says that many of its customers order bicycles for Christmas as early as October. They may place a deposit to hold a particular bicycle and pay later in a lump sum; alternatively they can make use of the group's credit arrangements.

Pensions

Is Mrs Castle's plan good enough for widows?

We hear a lot nowadays about women's rights and particularly about widows. Mrs Castle made much of the provision for widows under the new second-tier scheme of 100 per cent widows' pensions.

later, the total pension earned over the whole working lifetime will be 25 per cent—or under 1/160th for each year worked under 25 or women aged under 20 when the new state scheme starts.

Unit trust performance

Table with columns for UNIT TRUST: Growth and Specialist funds (progress this year and over three years). Includes sub-sections for GROWTH and SPECIALIST.

London Wall Int

Table listing various investment funds and their performance metrics.

Of these two had bought cycles for themselves from nearby second-hand dealers. A quick survey among friends and colleagues revealed that four had acquired bicycles during the year.

By no means all outlets are equipped to carry out repairs and adjustments competently. A top priority in buying a bicycle, therefore, should be to choose the shop as carefully as the bicycle.

Patricia Tisdall

Another factor to be borne in mind is that not all widows will qualify under Mrs Castle's scheme. Where there are no dependent children...

Eric Bruner

It is more important to ensure that a large slice of the population is not left to face hardship than to see that no one gets more than is necessary. In order to achieve this the state scheme earnings related death benefit must be reduced so that it relates to total expected earnings, even if it is reduced to less than 100 per cent.

Let the water talk

The miles of bank counters owned by the country's clearing banks are being increasingly used to dispense more than cash. A developing trend is the sale of simple insurance packages in bank branches.

Indall Depos

Indall Depos is a new unit trust for Scottish Nationalists and others. Lawson Securities is launching a Scottish Resources and General Fund to invest in particular growth sectors of the Scottish economy.

Investor's week In reverse • Tougher SE

The pre-Budget rally in equities ran abruptly into reverse last week. Market indices gave up most of the previous gains and the downturn was accompanied by a worrying increase in turnover.

The clearest indication of a change in mood came from the gilt-edged market, where fears of renewed inflation in the United Kingdom sent prices downwards. The unwillingness to accept current yields was spelled out on Thursday by a sudden reduction in jobber quotations for the "long tap".

Gilt-edged market fears of a continuing high rate of inflation have been strengthened by the TUC call for government action on state control and employees' rights, as well as by worker militancy at Hawker Siddeley and in Scotland.

The international scene also darkened last week with gold, sterling and the United States dollar all active.

If we are back with the City nightmare of recession cum inflation, then gilts may be in for an uncomfortable ride. Against that background, little faith can be put in the chances of a rally in equities between the Queen's Speech and Budget day, a fortnight later.

Not that all is gloom in the equity market. The swift rescues of London Indemnity and General Insurance and of Welfare Insurance gave support to the stock market's view that further crashes in the financial sector are now unlikely.

If these fears can be forgotten, then equities may at least have found a base upon which they can rest awhile.

The Stock Exchange's announcement on Thursday that it was carrying out an inquiry into recent share dealings in Manchester Liners brings to seven the total of investigations it has announced since the beginning of August.

Since the beginning of August, the Stock Exchange has revealed that it is conducting inquiries into share dealings in the following companies:

- George Kent
- Morley Rotolin
- Carl Investments
- Dexion-Comino Ltd
- Budge Bros
- Peurella
- Manchester Liners

Judged by the past record, that is an extraordinarily large number in such a short space of time. It is indicative of the new, tougher mood prevailing within the Council on the issue of insider trading.

In this context it is significant that the Council has only recently adopted the policy of revealing in advance all the investigations that it is carrying out.

But explaining more fully what it is planning to do is only one facet of the Council's new approach. This became clear when it revealed earlier this month the outcome of its investigation into share dealings in Dexion-Comino International just ahead of a bid for the company by the American Interlake Group in July.

The Council's report made it plain that some of those who had dealt may have had advance information and it backed up its conclusion with more insight into the workings of an inquiry than it had ever previously given. It said that evidence had been taken from 27 brokers and four jobbing firms which disclosed 102 transactions covered total purchases of 730,000 shares by 77 clients.

All of this was more detailed than anything the Council had ever said before.

It can be no coincidence that the Council's new aggressive stance should have begun to emerge only shortly after the Stock Exchange had issued a

powerful response to the proposals contained in the Labour Party's Green Paper on company law reform.

At the heart of those proposals is the creation of a Companies Commission, a sort of British equivalent to the American Securities Exchange Commission, which would have powers to oversee the affairs of the City.

Such a Commission would be given the power to veto decisions by the Stock Exchange Council; it would take over the functions of the Takeover Panel backed by legal sanctions which are at present lacking; it would monitor day-to-day market trading with the authority to suspend shares if unusual trading patterns developed; and it would enforce tougher disclosure requirements.

The Stock Exchange has argued that such stringent outside controls are unnecessary and impracticable in Britain. In its reply to the Green Paper, it said that the proposed commission would largely duplicate the work of the Council.

In particular, it attacked the claim that the Takeover Panel lacked both the will and the means to control "the widespread City scandals and abuses". It stated that each of the cases of alleged abuse cited in the Green Paper could have been prevented by changes in the law or by effective enforcement of existing law.

Above all, it claimed that a Stock Exchange investigation into insider trading was "as rigorous and probing as any legal process".

Clearly, it is now setting out to make that claim by explaining to the general public in more detail exactly what it is doing (although other considerations, such as libel law, still might prevent it from pointing a definite finger at all offenders). The assumption, it appears, is that the best defence system is to demonstrate that it is vigorously and efficiently operated.

EverReady growth spiked by controls and building recession

By Andrew Wilson

In line with market expectations, Ever Ready saw its interim profits, before tax, slide from £4.42m to £3.27m on sales up from £39.6m to £44.4m.

Most of the damage occurred in Britain where trading profits fell £607,000 to £2.53m—material shortages arising from the three-day week accounting for up to £400,000 of the shortfall.

Price controls are estimated to have cut back the interim profits potential by £1.25m with the group able to recoup only half its additional costs.

Demand for batteries remained buoyant, particularly in export markets. But electrical activities associated with the building industry had a disappointing time.

Overseas presented a mixed picture. Germany was slightly lower, although with some signs of recovery in the current half. Italy, however, was well down, thanks to the unsettled national labour situation. Offsetting these was a gain of one-eighth by the South African subsidiary, which together with the other interests left overseas trading profits only £5,000 off at £1.94m.

The board say it is almost inevitable that there will be some decline in pretax profits for the year from last time's £12.9m. So far earnings a share are down from 3.62p to 2.85p. For the full 12 months last year the group made 10.84p. The shares closed steady last night at 43p.

Squeeze on P Henderson's earnings and liquidity

A strained cash position and more than halved profits have been reported by P. C. Henderson's clothing-door gear group for the first half of its current term.

While turnover increased from £4.7m to £5.3m profits were slashed from £562,000 to £250,000. The second half from 6.3p to 2.6p a share. The dividend is raised from 1.81p to 1.88p, this being the same net figure of 1.26p.

The persistently rising cost of materials and reduced cash generation is imposing stresses on liquidity and it is hoped early Government action will be taken to relieve pressures which the company cannot control.

The group expects to continue selling more, particularly overseas, and it will seek to control costs "even more stringently". Last full year Henderson topped £1m profit for the first time.

Kwik Save beat clamp on margins

Commenting on the 21 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £2.7m for 1973-74, the Kwik Save Discount Group points out that this has been achieved in spite of a fall in margins from 8 per cent to 6.57 per cent as a result of the Government's restriction of retail margins.

The second half brought in £1.42m, a rise of 13 per cent.

With its trading area extending over North Wales, Shropshire, Cheshire, and Lancashire, the board is still expansion minded. Over the past year about nine stores were opened bringing the total to 53, and already in the current year four more stores have been opened. Even allowing for the effects of inflation, turnover is well ahead of the same period last year.

At half time, profits expanded 30 per cent to £1.28m; most of which came from rental income which rose from £208,000 to £337,000. Over the full year, income from this source rose from £621,000 to £856,000.

Unigate's food sales deal in France

BSN Gervais Danone and Northern Foods, which already have a food production and distribution pact, have signed a sales and production cooperation agreement with Unigate, Danone said in Paris.

Under the deal, Unigate will take over the sales of the two companies, hitherto handled by a joint company. Further, Northern Foods will take over Unigate's Northallerton dairy factory under a long-term supply contract while the French company is studying the possibility of

granting Unigate a licence to produce its products in the United Kingdom.

Profit is trebled at Hugh Baird

Improving on their interim growth, which saw profits double to £295,000, Hugh Baird, maltsters, barley and hop merchants, more than trebled their pre-tax to a record £685,000 last term.

The profit is struck after crediting a provision of £90,000 made in 1973 for losses on certain malt delivery contracts. No such provision is needed this time.

Earnings are raised from 1.22p to 3.31p and the total dividend from 0.75p to 0.77p. The Canada Malt Company holds 30 per cent of Baird's ordinary shares.

Fortress Trust loss

Fortress Trust, the property group in which London and County Securities held a 32 per cent stake, made a loss in 1973 of £568,000 after making exceptional charges of £1.05m.

The year-end balance sheet shows shareholders' funds of £1.13m, development property and work-in-progress of £24.5m, and net bank loans and overdrafts of £20.7m.

The auditors, however, state that they "have been unable to satisfy themselves that the assets 'Development property and work-in-progress £24.5m' is included in the consolidated balance sheet at a fair value, and consequently that the group loss for the year shown in consolidated profit and loss account is fairly stated."

Highland Electronics

Because of the need to ensure that funds are available to meet the increased investment needed to fulfil a large order

J. Hepworth 18pc off, but trend is improving

By David Mott

Although profits of the J. Hepworth tailoring group are still down on a year ago the trend is an improving one and with a return of £3.7m pre-tax for last term stock market expectations were more or less met. The shares closed unchanged at 30p.

From turnover up from £25.1m to £28.1m, including VAT, profit for the year to August 31 was 18 per cent off. But taken half by half the decline of 13 per cent to £1.85m over the final six months compares well with one of 23 per cent at the halfway point.

The company says the second half continued to reflect the effects of the three-day week, but showed an improvement which has been maintained to date both in cash and unit terms. There are 27 new shops scheduled to be opened in the current period in addition to the 317 now open.

At the attributable level profits were down from £2.76m to £1.7m and earnings, excluding extraordinary items from 6.1p to 3.96p. The total dividend of 3.2p matches the previous year's adjusted total.

Staffs Potteries

Staffs Potteries yesterday corrected their final dividend for last term from 4.4p to 3.61p making a total amended from 7.7p to 6.56p. The retained profit is £197,000, net £192,000. The shares eased 4p to 72p.

New 3-tier structure helps Bishop's Stores to make first million

By Ashley Druker

In fine shape at halfway—profits more than doubled, Bishop's Stores turns in pre-tax profits over £1m for the first time, thanks to all-round growth. In fact there was a 63 per cent advance to £1.03m, and the shares greeted this with a rise of 5p to 97p for the ordinary.

Higher levels of efficiency from the new structure are reflected in turnover climbing 17 per cent to £51.6m for the 52 weeks to June 29. Retained profits rose from £231,000 to

£342,000 and earnings a share from 6.36p to 8.3p. The year's dividend is boosted from 2.49p to 2.62p—the maximum allowed. The group operates chiefly in the Home Counties with distribution depots and trade markets in several counties, plus 69 shops.

In the past year the first in which trading activities were carried out by three separate companies, and each exceeded its target. Retail turned in £791,000 (against £580,000) to profits, wholesale some £198,000 (£84,000) and cash-and-carry for the first time £36,000.

For the first time since being

marketed in late 1971, profits of Fidelity Radio have paled and in the half year to September 30, at the pre-tax level, they show a 39 per cent fall from £907,000 to £554,000. Turnover, however, was increased further from £5.6m to £6.1m. Like most other companies the group is currently faced with ever increasing costs. The order book is full and sales are being held at a satisfactory level, but in the present climate the board had to raise the momentum to help improve profitability which they have done by higher sales in export territories.

They comment that substantial progress has been made overseas and that in the half year exports totalled £867,000, compared with £839,000 for the whole of last year.

Overseas operations are now established and this expansion in exports will act as a stabilizing factor against the uncertain-



Mr Jack Dickman, chairman and managing director of Fidelity Radio: Pre-tax profits slip on higher turnover.

ties of the home economy. Nonetheless, in the present climate of inflation and rising costs they stress that it would be difficult to make any forecast for the full year ending next March 31.

The interim dividend is being increased from 1.31p to 1.47p

Drastic measures after big ADM Machines losses

By Tony May

Although the company has been trading profitably since March, the board of ADM Business Machines announces drastic steps to reorganise and institute adequate financial controls following a loss of £550,000 for the 12 months to March 31.

Moreover, because of "significant deficiencies in accounting records", which have come to light since then, the board is delaying the accounting date to September 30, instead of August 31 for 18 months, in or about December.

There is no dividend for the year, against 2.12p, as after tax relief there is a loss of £300,000, and exceptional provisions of about £250,000 will be needed to cover stock deficiencies and other items.

The group has now been re-organized into four operating divisions while a new financial director joined the board on June 17. Among measures taken are the closing of four loss-making subsidiaries, two of which were overseas. Urgent steps to reduce operating costs have been taken throughout the group.

Burgess Products in good fettle make up leeway

Making a fine show of recovery after the disastrous first-half, Burgess Products Co (Holdings), acoustical and electrical engineers, put up 2p to 29p yesterday.

In the first-half this Leicester-based group suffered drastically from industrial action at one of their subsidiaries, followed immediately by the three-day week. Profits then collapsed from £401,000 pre-tax to a mere £12,000. The substantial recovery witnessed in March turns out to be a contribution of £437,000 out of the

total £449,000 pre-tax for the year to August 31 (compared with £699,000 for the preceding year's final leg). Turnover for the year rose 7.8 per cent to £10.44m.

Net profit fell from 5682,000 to £302,000, a "attributable" loss of 5678,000 or £29.54, while earnings a share dropped from 13.5p to 6.3p. The total payment is 4.95p to 4.72p.

The extent of the recovery in the second-half, the board adds, was slowed by additional costs incurred in the planned move of Burgess Industrial Silencing from the Midlands to the North.

Insurance

Prevention better than a burglary

As commerce and industry improve their security measures it looks as though thieves are turning their attentions to private houses. The rewards may not be so great, but a theft can be carried out much more easily.

Aware of this trend, the insurance industry is trying to tackle it in a number of ways. One of these is to make householders and the public at large more aware about the need for adequate security. Unfortunately, there are so many people these days persuading us to do this and that "for our own good" that campaigns along those lines are not always particularly effective.

Increasingly, insurers are surveying houses, to assess the risks and to see how they could be reduced. Ideally, of course, insurers should survey all the private houses and flats where they insure contents worth more than a fairly nominal amount. But, bearing in mind the cost of a trained surveyor, it would be uneconomical for householders would not

be prepared to pay a premium and meet the cost of a survey. Inevitably, therefore, there is a certain amount of compromise, with insurers deciding on the houses and flats which most merit an on-the-spot survey—in the light of the situation of the house or flat and the value of the contents.

If a surveyor comes to your house, he will look closely at the theft risk from both the outside and the inside. Taking into account the situation and surroundings, he will consider whether you live in a high risk area.

He will see whether it is secured—a desirable feature for estate agents, maybe, but not so far as insurance companies are concerned.

If the house is in a street, is it a corner house? Often, a corner house is more prone to attack. Another point is whether the appearance of the house suggests to passers-by that you are well off.

If the aim is simply to deter the casual thief, a surveyor will concentrate on "physical perimeter security" by making it difficult for a thief to get in

easily. Windows, clearly, are an obvious means of access. Provided the window frames are in good condition, and they are not leaded light glazed—the surveyor's nightmare—they can be secured by key-operated locks.

A surveyor will probably be anxious to use the same type of window lock throughout the house, if possible.

With doors, although it may seem obvious to fit a mortice deadlock to the "final exit" door (which cannot be bolted from the inside), surveyors realize that it is not everybody who will be prepared to carry about and use a second key.

One way of avoiding this difficulty is to obtain a replacement cylinder for the standard cylinder rim night-stand so that the same key will then operate both locks. Even then, the mortice deadlock must actually be used, in addition to slamming the door shut when one leaves the house.

For other external doors and french windows, a surveyor may recommend fitting key-operated mortice bolts or automatic locking bolts at the top and bottom.

Increasingly, surveyors are recommending that a safe should be installed. This could be a small wall safe, or a large safe normally used for holding cash in commercial premises.

One of the important points about a wall safe is that it should be concealed in a really good hiding place—and that is often easier said than done. But if the house has a cavity wall (perhaps with an inner layer of thermite or similar block construction), it may be suitable to fit many of the different types of wall safe on the market.

Alternatively, a floor safe may be recommended. Provided it is fitted correctly into a suitable concrete floor, it should offer much better resistance to attack than a wall safe.

But there is the drawback that a floor safe is much more inconvenient to use, and thus it is likely that, in practice, it will be used only for items of jewellery, and so on, which are not worn regularly.

Some surveyors prefer to recommend a small conventional safe, anchored to the floor in a cupboard in the bedroom or dressing room. They feel that it is more likely that it will be used than a safe sunk into the floor of the kitchen or garage: and a combination lock is favoured because it avoids the risk of the keys being left, say, in a drawer of the dressing table.

Increasingly, alarm systems of one kind or another are being used where big values are at risk in a private house. This is where problems can arise and, in the end, there is usually some form of compromise.

The alarm system used must be tailored not only to the individual security needs of the house or flat, but also so as to allow those living there to lead their normal lives. Ideally, too, the wiring should not upset the interior decorations more than is absolutely necessary.

Perhaps the best arrangement is to identify the "security areas" in a house and to protect them with an alarm system without too much inconvenience—together with a reasonable standard of all-round physical security.

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Briefly

MAJEDIE INVESTMENTS

Reference to Sagga House yesterday should have read Sagga Estate.

CABLE TRUST

In nine months to September 30 pre-tax earnings £4.53m (£4m). Net assets a share 97p (149p nine months before).

BREAD AG

Worldwide turnover of the Bread AG in Germany of £11.8m (£2.6m) up to over 650m marks (£108.3m) in year to September 30, but profit declined by an unspecified amount.

GRAND JUNCTION

Group gross revenue for year to March 31 £1.8m (£2.6m) including £376,000 (£1.2m) dealing profits of subsidiaries. Net revenue £248,000 (£1.4m) whole of which is absorbed by dividend to parent.

NEWMAN-LINDOP

Offer for Lindop Holdings equity not already owned by Newman Industries has been declared unconditional. NI now has 93 per cent stake in Lindop.

MTD (Mangula)

Pre-tax profits for 1974 rose from \$25.95m to \$16.0m and at the net level from \$4.18m to \$10.3m. With earnings increased from 21c to 52c a share, the dividend total has jumped from 19c to 40c a share, with a final of 23c.

SA gold output

Gold production in September by the South African gold mining industry amounted to 2,108,047ozs (65,568 kgs), an increase on the August figure of 2,049,140ozs (63,735 kgs). Total revenue received during the September quarter was R603.8m.

Indon's Bay Oil & Gas

Earnings after nine months rose from \$27.2m to \$46.0m, equivalent to an increase from \$1.43 to \$2.43 a share. Third quarter earnings were up from 55c to 93c a share.

Mining

North Kalgurli hearing date

Hearing of the proceedings instituted by North Kalgurli against Great Boulder Mines will take place on November 19. The company has told the Perth Stock Exchange that it is seeking dissolution of its partnership with Great Boulder, damages and certain other relief.

This follows the claim by Great Boulder earlier this week that North Kalgurli was in default to the extent of \$920,000 on its contributions to operating costs at the Scotia and Carr Boyd Rocks mines.

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Stock markets

Selling hits gilt-edged sector

Yields on long-dated Government stocks rose to record levels yesterday as the gilt-edged market suffered a fresh wave of persistent and sometimes quite sizable selling. By the close of trading, losses of up to 1/2 point were being displayed. Gloomy discussion in the press about the prospects for the "long-end" of the gilt market appeared to have been the main motivation behind the selling.

The fresh cut in a key United States prime rate failed to provide much comfort. Even record yields of 16.6 per cent had little impact, with confidence now totally dissipated, according to dealers. With "medium" notes a point softer and longer "shorts" down 1/2 to 1 point, the result has been a sharp steepening of the yield curve.

Latest dividends

Table with columns: Company, Dividend, Yield, etc. Lists dividends for various companies like ADM, Alcan, and others.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar was steady, or even firmer in Europe yesterday, as Holland apparently continued an emerging international trend towards lower interest rates among the stronger Western industrial economies.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table showing Eurobond prices for various countries and maturities, including columns for Bid, Offer, and Yield.

Bank Base Rates

Table listing bank base rates for various banks like Barclays, FNC, Hill Samuel, etc.

Discount market

There was a severe shortage of credit yesterday in the discount market after a late Treasury swing against the market. The discount houses, however, were not too badly affected as they had mostly met their requirements by this time.

Wall Street

New York, Oct. 25.—Stocks on the New York stock exchange closed virtually unchanged today after giving up a strong early gain.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 636.15, down 0.07 point. Volume totalled 12,650,000 shares compared with 14,910,000 yesterday.

Silver nears 4c down

New York, Oct. 25.—COMEX SILVER was down 1/8 cent to 62 1/2 cents today after a strong rise to 62 3/4 cents on Oct. 24.

Equity turnover for October

Equity turnover for October 24 was £42.9m (£13,025). Active stocks, according to Exchange Telegraph, Cons Goldfields, ICI, Courtaulds, Burnham Oil, Commercial Union New, Cavenham, Tube Investments, Union Corporation, & O Deferred and Thorn Electrical "A".

Forward Levels

Table showing forward levels for various currencies and commodities, including columns for Bid, Offer, and Yield.

The Times Share Indices

Table showing share indices for various sectors and companies, including columns for Bid, Offer, and Yield.

Money Market Rates

Table showing money market rates for various currencies and maturities, including columns for Bid, Offer, and Yield.

Commodities

Sugar surges to new peak levels

A fresh burst of buying took London SUGAR prices to new all-time highs yesterday. The daily price was raised £10 to a record £210 a long ton, while futures soared between £18.25 and £20.50.

Canadian Prices

Table showing Canadian prices for various commodities and currencies, including columns for Bid, Offer, and Yield.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Large table listing authorized units, insurance, and offshore funds, including columns for Bid, Offer, and Yield.

Recent Issues

Table showing recent issues for various companies and sectors, including columns for Bid, Offer, and Yield.

Offshore and International Funds

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Stock Exchange Prices

Widespread falls in gilts

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Gas board liable for man's death in bath

Pusey v Peters and Another. Before Mr Justice Michael Davies. Negligence by North Thames Gas Board when converting a house to natural gas caused the death of a man in his bath from carbon monoxide poisoning.

The action by Mrs Pamela Ann Pusey, aged 31, widow of John William Pusey, who died at their home in Feltham, Middlesex, in January, 1971, was brought by her as administratrix of his estate on behalf of herself and three sons, aged 10, 6 and 4, under the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1964, and the Fatal Accidents Act, 1846 to 1929.

A stay of execution for 28 days pending an appeal was granted on the board's tender of £200,000 in interest at 10 per cent from the date of judgment on damages recovered. Damages of £300 were awarded to the Fatal Accidents Act, with interest at 8 per cent from the date of service of the writ of £2,000 was appointed to each child.

A claim against Mr Philip Peters, a builder, was discontinued. Mr J. Hampden Inskip, QC, and Mr David Webster for the widow; Mr Raymond Croxon for the board. HIS LORDSHIP said that Mr Pusey died from a combination of respiratory failure and poisoning by carbon monoxide gas.

Disclosure of hospital records

Deistung v South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board. Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Cross of Chelsea and Sir John Pennycuik. Where a person likely to be a party to an action for alleged negligence against a hospital seeks an order under section 32 of the Administration of Justice Act, 1974, for disclosure of hospital notes and records before the action is begun, the court may make such an order.

The court of appeal laid down this rule of practice in allowing an application made by the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board from Mr Justice Denning, who had allowed an order for disclosure of hospital records to the plaintiff, Mr Deistung, a minor son of a friend of the plaintiff's father.

Mr T. H. Bingham, QC, and Mr Peter Milner for the hospital board; Mr Robert Puxon for the proposed plaintiff. HIS LORDSHIP said that the board's application for an order for disclosure of hospital records was refused by the court below.

But Mr Bingham for the hospital board said that a medical report by a potential witness for the plaintiffs could be elaborated either by letter or by a conference such as that which had been held by Mr Kendrick.

Lord Cross and Sir John Pennycuik agreed. Solicitors: Mr C. H. Brown; Mr L. S. Pitt for the plaintiffs; Mr G. R. Longmore & Higham, Peterborough.

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